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GERALD RUDOLPH FORD

The "Chicago Daily News," Chicago, Illinois, in its Red Flash Edition on November 2, 1973, contained an article entitled "Furniture-Maker Aid by Rep. Ford Revealed." A copy of this article is enclosed.

Efforts to interview William Clements, an author of the aforementioned article, have been unsuccessful to date. He has advised Special Agents of the Chicago Office of the FBI that he is not available for interview.

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## FURNITURE-MAKER AID BY REP. FORD REVEALED

By William Clements,  
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Rep. Gerald R. Ford's office intervened with the General Services Administration to capture a big chunk of government business for a furniture manufacturer in Ford's Michigan congressional district.

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The documents also show that Ford recommended in 1971 that the GSA appoint Joseph Lawless as head of the agency's vital furniture standards section, which sets specifications used by the government to buy furniture.

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Miltich said the congressman was unaware that his former administrative assistant Frank Meyer, now deceased, had contacted GSA in 1971 on behalf of Steelcase, and said any questions about standards would have to be posed to Lawless or the GSA.

"This is all he (Ford) is going to say on the matter," Miltich said.

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Two weeks before that, Thybony's supervisor, L. E. Spangler, deputy commissioner in the GSA's Federal Supply Service, had invited Steelcase to try for the contract "In view of the interest of Congressman Gerald R. Ford of Michigan in your company participating...."

Spangler used those words in a letter to Kenneth T. Morrison, who was then in charge of Steelcase's institutional sales and who later became vice president of Commercial Office Furniture.

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The monetary value of the contract thus soared a whopping 80 per cent to \$170,124, despite the fact that the GSA normally doesn't permit increases of more than 25 per cent.

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*Mr. C. G. ...*  
*Angela ...*

GERALD RUDOLPH FORD, AKA GERALD RUDOLPH FORD JR, LESSIE KING JR, SPECIAL  
INQUIRY

RE BU TELEPHONE CALL TO LOS ANGELES 11-3-73.

ON INSTANT DATE, WALLER TAYLOR II, 2220 AVE OF STARS,  
LOS ANGELES , CALIFORNIA, WHO IS A PARTNER IN THE LAW FIRM OF  
ADAMS, DUQUE, AND HAZELTINE, 523 WEST 6TH STREET, LOS ANGELES  
ADVISES THAT AT THE PRESENT TIME HE SEES NO REASON WHY HE WOULD  
NOT BE WILLING TO APPEAR BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE CHAIRED  
BY SENATOR CANON OF NEVADA, WHICH IS HOLDING HEARINGS CONCERNING  
APPOINTEE. TAYLOR ADDED HOWEVER, THAT HE IS A PARTNER IN A VERY BUSY  
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GERALD R. FORD, SPECIAL INQUIRY.

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## ARTICLE APPEARING IN "CHICAGO DAILY NEWS" RED FLASH EDITION

By William Clements,  
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Three federal agencies in Chicago apparently violated government regulations in placing orders for \$260,000 worth of furniture made by Steelcase Inc. of Grand Rapids, Mich.

The furniture was purchased in 1971 and 1972 after the office of Rep. Gerald R. Ford (R-Mich.) had made direct contact with the General Services Administration in behalf of Steelcase, which is headquartered in Ford's congressional district.

Steelcase subsequently became one of the government's leading suppliers of contemporary office furniture, although it had done virtually no government business previously.

Sen. J. Edgar Ford's office contacted the GSA about Steelcase and since Joseph Landers was promoted to head of the GSA's furniture standards section on Ford's recommendation in August, 1971, the company reportedly has done more than \$100,000 in business a month with government agencies.

The apparently centralized furniture purchases in Chicago included orders totaling more than \$48,000 by the Department of Labor and \$32,000 by the Department of Health, Education and Welfare and Office of Economic Opportunity.

The furniture was used in the agencies' new offices at 300 S. Wacker Dr.

The Chicago regional office of the Department of Labor placed five Steelcase orders under a Denver (Colo.) GSA "schedule contract" for furni-

ture earmarked exclusively for Bureau of Indian Affairs schools.

THE GSA regularly negotiates "schedule" contracts under which federal agencies may purchase limited amounts of equipment without soliciting bids.

GSA at the time has such a contract for office furniture, negotiated by the GSA's Washington office, with Patricia Furniture Co. and Lycoming Furniture Industries.

The contract specified the government would use those companies as the exclusive suppliers of the furniture items covered in the contract.

During the same period, the Denver GSA regional office had a schedule contract with Steelcase's Washington dealer, Commercial Office Furniture Co., to supply office furniture for schools.

Although the Steelcase furniture was rated for office use, it wasn't supposed to be purchased for that purpose, since any such purchases would require an additional year-long contract to sell office furniture to the government.

Despite this, the Denver contract was used to purchase office furniture for the Department of Labor.

IN ADDITION, the department apparently violated the procurement order language specified in the contract. Steelcase's contracts carry such a limit, and the Denver contract is one of \$25,000.

Any larger purchase was supposed to be put out for competitive bidding.

In one of its orders, placed Sept. 15, 1971, the Department of Labor exceeded the maximum order limitation by 18% and all five orders taken together exceeded the limit by more than \$23,000.

At the same time, the Chicago regional offices of OEO and HEW made Steelcase purchases totaling \$33,000 without GSA authorization.

OEO's regional director then was Wendell Verdon of Grand Rapids, who was sponsored for the job by Ford.

GSA regulations require that all government orders for items covered by schedule contracts be purchased from the holders of those contracts, unless the GSA issues a written waiver to purchase the items from another supplier.

Such waivers weren't obtained by OEO and HEW when they bought the \$32,000 worth of Steelcase furniture in question from the Office Equipment Co. of Chicago, 223 W. Lake St.

In all, the value of the Steelcase furniture purchased by the three agencies for the 300 S. Wacker building exceeded \$200,000, including the \$260,000 worth that appears to have

been purchased in violation of government regulations.

STONERIDGE for the three agencies was the Steelcase furniture purchased by the department this way, according to Henry. They argued that the furniture was purchased by the agencies and that they had a right to it, and they were not aware of the fact that they were not supposed to supply the furniture properly.

Henry, the director, had been for many years a part of the Steelcase furniture business and he was not aware of the fact that they were not supposed to supply the furniture properly.

In any case, the fact that the Steelcase furniture was purchased by the agencies and that they had a right to it, and they were not aware of the fact that they were not supposed to supply the furniture properly.

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TO : Mr. Cleveland *W. G. ...*

FROM : O. E. Coleman *O. E. Coleman*

SUBJECT: GERALD RUDOLPH FORD  
VICE PRESIDENT DESIGNATE  
SPECIAL INQUIRY

DATE: 12-3-73

On 11-30-73 Patrick McSweeney, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, advised that Peter W. Rodino, Chairman of the House Committee on the Judiciary, which has held hearings concerning Ford, had requested information with regard to the following:  
(1) Whether any investigation has been conducted by the FBI concerning [redacted] (2) any information available to the FBI indicating a connection between [redacted] and [redacted] or Representative Ford, and (3) with respect to [redacted] whether there has been any investigation or conviction of him for subornation of perjury.

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At the request of the United States Attorney, Washington, D. C., in January, 1973, the Bureau conducted an investigation concerning possible violations of the Obstruction of Justice and Perjury statutes by [redacted] and [redacted] in connection with hearings held by the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) regarding stock manipulation. These individuals were each subsequently indicted. On 10-25-73 [redacted] was sentenced to serve from twenty months to five years, all but six months of which were suspended, and he was fined \$10,000 and placed on probation for three years. [redacted] and [redacted] were fined and placed on probation.

Encs. - *Sent 12-5-73*

- 1 - Mr. Callahan
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- 1 - Mr. Auerswald

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Memorandum to Mr. Cleveland  
Re: Gerald Rudolph Ford

ok. [redacted]  
The Washington Field Office has ascertained from [redacted] SEC, who has requested his identity not be revealed, that [redacted] is affiliated with the [redacted]. He served as [redacted] in the previously mentioned case. According to this source, SEC is presently conducting an investigation in conjunction with the United States Attorney, Washington, D. C., concerning possible obstruction of justice on the part of [redacted]. He said an investigation is also being conducted concerning [redacted] by the Internal Revenue Service for his failure to file a 1972 income tax return. According to [redacted] was allegedly involved with [redacted] in investments and stock manipulations in an amount of over one-half million dollars. He indicated this may be the reason for [redacted] alleged failure to file a 1972 income tax return, as [redacted] case was then in the courts. [redacted] advised that [redacted] is allegedly "upset" with [redacted] as he feels [redacted] insistence that he, [redacted] plead guilty in the previously mentioned case was to avoid revealing [redacted] association with [redacted].

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No information has been received to indicate any connection Ford may have with either [redacted] or [redacted].

It might be noted that [redacted] of [redacted] is [redacted]. A recent press article indicated [redacted] was among Ford's associates at the hearings concerning Ford before the House Committee on the Judiciary.

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ACTION:

Attached for approval are communications to The White House and the Acting Attorney General setting forth available information in response to the questions of the Chairman of the House Committee on the Judiciary.

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'GERMICIDAL CORPORATION' TO FELLOW GUESTS AT COCKTAIL PARTIES,  
THE STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE CHARGED YESTERDAY. MANHATTAN  
SUPREME COURT JUSTICE MORRIS E. SPECTOR ENJOINED WINTERBERGER FROM  
SECURITY DEALING IN THE STATE. WINTERBERGER CONSENTED."

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Mr. *Coffman*  
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*[Handwritten signatures: "C. E. Coleman" and "Angelo"]*

Reference is made to my memorandum of 11/1/73 and other memoranda prior thereto regarding the review of our reports of the investigation of Mr. Ford by members of the U. S. Senate and the House of Representatives.

On 11/2/73 at 1:30 P.M., SA Robert L. Bruggeman and Malcolm D. Hawk of the Deputy Attorney General's Office, made available the Bureau's reports in the Ford case to Representative Edward Hutchinson (Rep.), Fourth District of Michigan, and ranking minority member of the House Judiciary Committee. The procedures for Mr. Hutchinson's review of the reports were explained to him by Mr. Hawk and Mr. Hutchinson agreed. He then proceeded to review the reports and took notes periodically during his review which continued until 5:10 P.M. on 11/2/73. At 4:00 P.M. on 11/2/73 Mr. Hawk was replaced by Mr. Ed Solvins of the Office of Legislative Affairs.

On 11/3/73 at 9:30 A.M., SA Bruggeman and Mr. Solvins of the Department again brought the reports in the Ford case to Mr. Hutchinson's office and he again continued to review the reports until 2:10 P.M., when he advised he had completed his review. Mr. Hutchinson did not ask any questions during his review.

ACTION: \_\_\_\_\_

For information and record purposes.

1 - Mr. Wintz  
1 - Mr. French  
1 - Mr. Bowers  
1 - Mr. Callahan

1 - Mr. Cleveland  
1 - Mr. Coleman  
1 - Mr. Bruggeman  
1 - Mr. Spensberg

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TO : Mr. Cleveland

DATE: 11-5-73

FROM : O. E. Coleman

SUBJECT: GERALD RUDOLPH FORD  
VICE PRESIDENT DESIGNATE  
SPECIAL INQUIRY

Reference is made to my previous memoranda, attached to which were letters to General Haig at The White House and the Department furnishing them the results of investigation concerning Ford. You were advised the investigation was continuing. Our investigation of Ford is now complete.

An article in the "Chicago Daily News" on 11-2-73 alleged that Ford's office intervened with the General Services Administration (GSA) on behalf of a Grand Rapids furniture manufacturer to obtain Government business for that firm. It also alleged that in 1971 Ford recommended GSA appoint one Joseph Lawless as head of a GSA section which sets specifications used by the Government to purchase furniture. According to this article Lawless then apparently worked directly with the Steel Case Furniture Company, Grand Rapids, Michigan, to set furniture specifications, assuring that company substantial Government business.

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We have interviewed [redacted] of the Furniture and Furnishings Branch, Federal Supply Service, GSA. He stated he has been employed by that agency since 1967 and has had nothing to do with the awarding of any type of contracts, nor has he discussed with Ford any furniture specifications or the awarding of any contracts to any furniture company. He advised he first met Ford in June, 1971, when he [redacted] was [redacted] There was then a job opening with GSA as a [redacted] that he desired. He requested Ford to recommend him for the promotion. He was later advised Ford had recommended him and in August, 1971, he received the promotion. Later, in October, 1972, he again contacted Ford

Encs. *Sent 11-5-73*

1 - Mr. Callahan  
1 - Mr. Bowers  
1 - Mr. Franck

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Re: Gerald Rudolph Ford

concerning a [ ] which was opening up in Kansas City; however, this position was subsequently given to another person. [ ] stated Ford had nothing to do with securing his present position for him.

Ford was interviewed on 11-2-73 at which time he said he was aware "Chicago Daily News" reporters were compiling the aforementioned news article. He stated the Steel Case Furniture Company is the largest manufacturer of office furniture in the world and is the largest employer in the Grand Rapids area. [ ] is a close personal friend of Ford's. Ford stated he never interceded with GSA to award contracts to that company. He did state that he requested GSA to list some of the company's furniture in its catalog, which was done. Regarding [ ] Ford advised that he is a former resident of Grand Rapids, Michigan. He recalls recommending [ ] to GSA for promotion as [ ] which he understands [ ] did not receive as he did not have the qualifications. Ford stated he views his activities concerning [ ] as legitimate and not subject to criticism.

Additional inquiries during the closing phases of this investigation developed no information indicating any irregularities or improprieties on the part of Ford.

ACTION:

Attached are letters to General Haig at The White House and to the Acting Attorney General transmitting the results of the final phase of this investigation to them.

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TO DIRECTOR

FROM LAS VEGAS 161-279 RUC

GERALD RUDOLPH FORD, SPECIAL INQUIRY.

REBUTEL CALL TODAY.

ON 11-5-73, DETECTIVE [REDACTED] INTELLIGENCE  
UNIT, LAS VEGAS METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT (LVMPD)  
CONTACTED LAS VEGAS DIVISION AND REQUESTED CURRENT  
IDENTIFICATION RECORD FOR [REDACTED]

DOB [REDACTED] POB [REDACTED] FBI NUMBER  
[REDACTED]

BY TELETYPE 11-5-73, BUREAU IDENTIFICATION DIVISION  
REQUESTED TO FURNISH CURRENT IDENTIFICATION RECORD FOR  
[REDACTED] BY FACSIMILE AND TO FORWARD COPY BY AIRMAIL.  
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*memo from  
O.E. Callahan  
Mr. Sullivan  
11-8-73  
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DETECTIVE [ ] ADVISED HE HAD RECEIVED TELEPHONE INQUIRY FROM [ ] INVESTIGATOR FOR THE SENATE COMMITTEE INVESTIGATING FORD. [ ] WAS ATTEMPTING TO IDENTIFY AN INDIVIDUAL, NAME UNKNOWN, WHO OWNED SOME LAND ALLEGEDLY PURCHASED FROM THE COLORADO RIVER COMMISSION IN NEVADA. THE LAND IN QUESTION WAS ALLEGEDLY ADJACENT TO SOME LAND WHICH HAD ALSO BEEN PURCHASED FROM THE COLORADO RIVER COMMISSION AND WHICH BECAME AN ISSUE IN THE 1970 ELECTION WHERE ED FIKE, REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE WAS RUNNING AGAINST INCUMBENT DEMOCRATIC HOWARD CANNON FROM NEVADA.

BASED ON THIS INFORMATION DETECTIVE [ ] CONTACTED THE COLORADO RIVER COMMISSION AND DETERMINED THAT [ ] [ ] HAD PURCHASED FORTY ACRES IMMEDIATELY  
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ADJACENT TO THE ABOVE DESCRIBED PROPERTY WITH THE  
ANNOUNCED INTENTION OF CONSTRUCTING A 150 ROOM RESORT  
HOTEL TO COST ABOUT SIX MILLION DOLLARS.

[ ] INFORMED [ ] THAT THE INDIVIDUAL HE  
WAS ATTEMPTING TO IDENTIFY AND WHO BLUMBERG SAID IS PROBABLY [ ]  
ALLEGEDLY INTRODUCED FORD TO "INDIVIDUALS IN THE MILK  
INDUSTRY". NO OTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE RE THIS  
MATTER.

[ ] ADVISED THAT PRELIMINARY INQUIRY BY THE  
LVMPD INDICATES [ ] IS PROBABLY A CON MAN AND THE  
ANNOUNCED INTENTION TO CONSTRUCT A HOTEL IS A CON GAME  
AND THAT HE HAS ALREADY CAUSED MONETARY LOSSES TO SOME  
PEOPLE; AS AN EXAMPLE, THE ARCHITECTURAL FIRM OF ZICK  
AND SHARP, LAS VEGAS, HAVE ALREADY PERFORMED \$250,000  
OF WORK WHICH [ ] WILL NOT PAY.

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DETECTIVE [ ] STATED HE HAD REQUESTED THE  
CURRENT IDENTIFICATION RECORD FOR [ ] SINCE  
THE IDENTIFICATION RECORD OF THE LVMPD SHOWED LAST  
ENTRY THEREON TO BE OCTOBER, 1957. THE CURRENT IDENTIFICATION  
RECORD FOR [ ] UNDER FBI NUMBER [ ] REFLECTS  
LAST ENTRY POLICE DEPARTMENT, OKLAHOMA CITY, 10-2-57 ON  
GAMBLING CHARGE.

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DETECTIVE [ ] STATED HE TELEPHONICALLY  
CONTACTED INVESTIGATOR [ ], FURNISHED THE IDENTITY OF  
[ ] AS DEVELOPED BY THAT AGENCY, AND SUGGESTED  
FOR FURTHER INFORMATION HE SHOULD CONTACT THE FBI,  
WASHINGTON, D.C.

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# Memorandum

TO : Mr. Callahan

DATE: 11-7-73

FROM : R. R. Franck *RRF/gk*

SUBJECT: GERALD RUDOLPH FORD  
VICE PRESIDENT DESIGNATE  
SPECIAL INQUIRY

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William Cochrane, Staff Director of the Senate Committee on Rules and Administration, contacted Inspector Bowers this morning and requested he be furnished expeditiously a copy of the FBI fingerprint identification record on [redacted] FBI Number [redacted]. He said the record was needed officially by the Committee in connection with the Ford hearings.

*Noted* A copy of the record was obtained and is being furnished to Cochrane this afternoon. A copy of the record is enclosed with this memorandum.

In obtaining the record from the Identification Division, Bowers learned that a copy of the record was also being sent expeditiously to the Las Vegas Office. SAC Vern Loetterle of the Las Vegas Office was contacted to determine if that office had any pending inquiry concerning [redacted] in connection with the Ford investigation. He subsequently advised a Senate committee investigator had been in touch with the Las Vegas Police concerning [redacted]. Loetterle was instructed to send a teletype to the Bureau setting forth details concerning this matter.

## RECOMMENDATION:

For information.

## Enclosure

- 1 - Mr. Callahan
- 1 - Mr. Cleveland
- 1 - Mr. Franck
- 1 - Mr. Coleman
- 1 - Mr. Bowers

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REMARKS

Attached is information concerning Jerry Ford that I thought should be brought to your attention.

*Encl*  
*Memo Coleman To Cleveland*  
*11/8/73*  
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## United States Senate

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

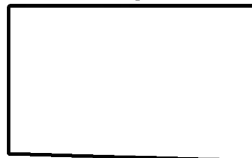
November 6, 1973

Mr. Patrick M. McSweeney  
Acting Assistant Attorney General  
Office of Legislative Affairs  
Department of Justice  
Washington, D.C. 20530

Dear Pat:

The attached telegram from Mr. Trowbridge H. Ford, Associate Professor of Political Science at Holy Cross College, Worcester, Massachusetts, is being sent to you on an FYI basis and any comments you may deem appropriate.

Sincerely,



Legislative Assistant  
to Senator Scott

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# Telegram

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PMS SENATOR HUGH SCOTT

CAPITOL HILL DC

SINCE THE RULES COMMITTEE HAS NOT RESPONDED TO MY INDICTMENT OF GERALD FORD BECAUSE OF HIS COVERUP OF THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F KENNEDY IN A WAY WHICH PROVIDED PRESIDENT NIXON WITH AN ALIBI, AND A MODEL FOR SUBSEQUENT ASSASSINS, I REQUEST THAT YOU PUT THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS TO HIM WHEN HE APPEARS BEFORE YOU FOR CONFIRMATION: 1. WHY HAS FORD CONSISTENTLY FAILED TO MENTION HIS MEMBERSHIP ON THE WARREN COMMISSION IN ALL HIS BIOGRAPHICAL STATEMENTS?

2. WHAT WAS THE SIGNIFICANCE OF FORDS INFLATED STAFF ON THE COMMISSION, PARTICULARLY THE PRESENCE OF FORMER CONGRESSMAN JOHN H RAY?

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# Telegram

3. WHAT DID THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OF TEXAS HAVE IN MIND BY SAYING THAT LEE HARVEY OSWALD WAS AN FBI INFORMANT, AND WHY DID FORD BREAK CONFIDENCE BY REPEATING THE STORY?
4. WAS FORD TRYING TO UNDERMINE THE INVESTIGATIVE CAPABILITY OF THE FBI BY HAVING THE COMMISSION IMMEDIATELY PUT TO QUESTION BEFORE DIRECTOR J EDGAR HOOVER? IF SO, GIVEN HOOVER'S OTHER ACTIVITIES, DID THIS NOT CONSTITUTE A CONSPIRACY TO COVER UP A POLITICAL ASSASSINATION?
5. WHY DID FORD MAKE A SPECIAL POINT OF SAYING THAT MARINA OSWALD COULD REVISE HER TESTIMONY AT ANY TIME?
6. WHY DID FORD GIVE HALE BOGGS'S QUESTION TO JAMES MARTIN ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF MARINA OSWALD BEING PART OF AN INTELLIGENCE SYSTEM A DISTORTED SOVIET CONNOTATION? IS FORD SAYING THAT HE KNEW SOMETHING ABOUT MRS OSWALD AND ALLEN DULLES THAT OTHER



# Telegram

COMMISSIONERS DID NOT APPRECIATE?

7. WHY DID FORD DISHONESTLY TRY TO PROVE THAT MARGUERITE OSWALD WAS THE SOURCE OF THE SERIOUS ALLEGATION THAT HER SON WAS AN FBI AGENT?

8. WHY WAS FORD SO INTERESTED IN WHAT MARTIN KNEW OF THE CONVERSATION THAT OSWALD HAD WITH MARINA AT THE DALLAS POLICE STATION, AND IN WHAT SHE TOLD MARTIN ABOUT OSWALD'S ALLEDGED GUILT?

9. WHAT ROLE DID FORD AND HIS STAFF PLAY IN THE WRITING UP THE COMMISSIONS REPORT AND THE TIMING OF ITS ISSUANCE?

10. WHY WAS FORD SO ANXIOUS TO GET ON THE NEWS STANDS THE FALSE ACCOUNT OF THE STRUCTURE, OPERATION, AND THE FINDINGS OF THE COMMISSION FOR LIFE MAGAZINE?

11. WHAT ROLE DID FORD AND HIS STAFF PLAY IN THE DELAYED PUBLICATION OF THE INFORMATION THAT THE COMMISSIONS REPORT WAS SUPPOSED

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# Telegram

TO BE BASED ON?

12. WHY DID FORD GIVE AN EVEN MORE INACCURATE ACCOUNT OF THE STRUCTURE, OPERATION, AND FINDINGS OF THE COMMISSION IN HIS PORTRAIT OF THE ASSASSIN?

13. WHY DID FORD SO WANT TO ESTABLISH THAT OSWALD WANTED TO KILL NIXON AS MUCH AS KENNEDY EVEN THOUGH THE STORY WAS COMPLETELY REPUDIATED BY ALL WITNESSES?

14. CAN FORD SEE HIS VERSION OF OSWALD IN SUBSEQUENT ASSASSINS, ESPECIALLY THE ONE WHO SHOT GOVERNOR WALLACE? IF SO, CAN HE POSSIBLY EXPLAIN THE SIMILARITY?

15. IS NIXONS NOMINATION OF HIM A PAYOFF FOR THESE SERVICES, ONES HE IS SO ANXIOUS TO HIDE.

THESE QUESTIONS WOULD GET THE INVESTIGATION OF NIXONS CANDIDATE FOR VICE PRESIDENT OFF THE GROUND. IF YOU WANT SOME MORE, I



# Telegram

WOULD BE HAPPY TO SUPPLY THEM. RELYING ON THE FBI IN THIS CONTEXT  
IS USELESS. THE FBI STILL DOESNT KNOW WHAT HAPPENED IN DALLAS  
11 YEARS AGO.

TROWBRIDGE H FORD ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF POLITICAL SCIENCE  
HOLY CROSS COLLEGE

[illegible]

Congress of the United States  
Committee on the Judiciary  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515  
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Honorable Robert H. Bork  
Acting Attorney General  
Department of Justice  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Bork:

At 10:00 A.M. on November 15, 1973, the Committee on the Judiciary will commence its public hearings into the nomination of Gerald R. Ford to be Vice President.

I have been authorized by the Committee to request that the investigative reports of the FBI in connection with that nomination be made available to a designated panel of Committee members. Such a panel would consist of myself, Mr. Kastenmeier, Mr. Danielson, Mr. Kazvinsky, Mr. Hutchinson, Mr. McClory, Mr. Railsback, and Mr. Dennis.

It would be helpful if those reports were made available to the panel at the earliest possible moment.

Sincerely,

PETER W. RODINO, JR.  
Chairman

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TO DIRECTOR (161-9896)

FROM DETROIT (161-1355) 2P

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GERALD R. FORD, AKA. SPIN.

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Mr. Coleman  
Room 1746

RE CHICAGO TELETYPE 11/7/73 AND BUREAU TELEPHONE CALL  
11/8/73.

THE INDICES OF THE DETROIT OFFICE ARE NEGATIVE CONCERNING  
NORMAN RAUTIOLA. REED CITY TELEPHONE DIRECTORY SHOWS A LISTING  
FOR A NORMAN RAUTIOLA, 430 WEST UPTON, REED CITY. REED CITY  
TELEPHONE DIRECTORY NEGATIVE CONCERNING A BRANCH OF THE  
OLD KENT BANK AT REED CITY, MICHIGAN.

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[REDACTED] GRAND RAPIDS,  
MICHIGAN, A SOURCE OF THE DETROIT OFFICE, VERIFIED  
THAT OLD KENT BANK IS A LONG ESTABLISHED BANK WITH BRANCHES  
IN THE GRAND RAPIDS AREA AND IT HAS NEVER HAD A BRANCH OF  
THE OLD KENT BANK AT REED CITY, MICHIGAN. NO REFERENCE TO  
GERALD FORD INVESTIGATION WAS MADE DURING INQUIRY OF OLD KENT  
BANK.

SA THEODORE S. KRAMER, SRA, TRAVERSE CITY, MICHIGAN,  
WHO COVERS REED CITY, MICHIGAN, ADVISED FROM PERSONAL KNOWLEDGE  
THAT NORMAN RAUTIOLA OPERATES THE NARTRON CORPORATION, 5000  
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NORTH US HIGHWAY 131, TELEPHONE 832-5525, WHICH IS NORTH OF REED CITY. NARTRON CORPORATION PRODUCES ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT AND HAS BEEN IN BUSINESS IN THE AREA FROM FOUR TO FIVE YEARS.

RAUTIOLA, OWNER OF COMPANY, CAME FROM OUT OF STATE AND IS AN ATTORNEY NOT BELIEVED PRACTICING IN MICHIGAN. HE IS DESCRIBED AS APPROXIMATELY 40 YEARS OLD, WHITE MALE, 5'7", 140 POUNDS, WITH A GOOD REPUTATION. SA KRAMER ADVISED HE IS NOT PERSONALLY ACQUAINTED WITH RAUTIOLA AND HAS NO FURTHER INFORMATION CONCERNING HIM.

FOR INFORMATION OF BUREAU, REED CITY, WHICH IS IN OSCEOLA COUNTY, IS LOCATED OUTSIDE GERALD FORD'S CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT.

IN VIEW OF THE ABOVE INFORMATION AND IN VIEW OF ALLEGATION SET FORTH IN REFERENCED CHICAGO TELETYPE, IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THIS MATTER BE FULLY RESOLVED BY DETROIT THROUGH INTERVIEW WITH NORMAN RAUTIOLA AND OTHER APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION. NO FURTHER ACTION TAKEN IN THIS MATTER PENDING FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS BY THE BUREAU.

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TO : Mr. Cleveland

FROM : O. E. Coleman

SUBJECT: GERALD RUDOLPH FORD  
VICE PRESIDENT DESIGNATE  
SPECIAL INQUIRY

DATE: 11/8/73

In a telegram dated November 1, 1973, to Senator Hugh Scott (Rep.) of Pennsylvania, a member of the Senate Committee on Rules and Administration, copy attached, Trowbridge H. Ford, Associate Professor of Political Science, College of the Holy Cross, Worcester, Massachusetts, requested that Ford be questioned by that Committee concerning his membership on the Warren Commission, which investigated the assassination of the late President John F. Kennedy. Senator Scott's office furnished this telegram to the Department, and the Department has referred it to the Bureau.

~~Trowbridge H. Ford~~ in his telegram, indicated he had prior correspondence with the Senate Committee on Rules and Administration about Ford's "coverup of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy in a way which provided President Nixon with an alibi, and a model for subsequent assassins." He set out a number of questions he proposed the Committee ask Ford about his role on the Warren Commission and information in the book, "Portrait of an Assassin," which was co-authored by Ford. He indicated this book contained inaccuracies. He said these questions "would get the investigation of Nixon's candidate for Vice President off the ground," and concluded by stating, "The FBI still doesn't know what happened in Dallas eleven years ago."

- 1 - Mr. Callahan
- 1 - Mr. Franck
- 1 - Mr. Cleveland
- 1 - Mr. Bowers
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- 1 - Mr. Auerswald

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Memorandum to Mr. Cleveland  
Re: Gerald Rudolph Ford

Bureau files indicate that in 1967, Trowbridge Ford directed a letter to the late President Lyndon B. Johnson in which he referred to President Johnson as a tyrant and a disgrace to America and all mankind, and said he was going to do everything he could to prevent President Johnson's renomination and reelection. He stated, "I am going to redouble my efforts regarding the October 21st demonstration in Washington, draft resistance, and civil disobedience." (62-0-71131)

Our reports concerning the recent applicant-type investigation of Ford contain information concerning his membership on the Warren Commission, interviews with his fellow members on that Commission, and reviews of the book, "Portrait of an Assassin."

ACTION: For information. No additional investigation of Ford is considered warranted based on the telegram from Trowbridge H. Ford.

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# Memorandum

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TO : Mr. Cleveland

FROM : O. E. Coleman

SUBJECT: GERALD RUDOLPH FORD  
VICE PRESIDENT DESIGNATE  
SPECIAL INQUIRY

DATE: November 8, 1973

A memorandum dated November 7, 1973 from Mr. Franck to Mr. Callahan, copy attached, advised that William Cochrane, Staff Director of the Senate Committee on Rules and Administration, had requested and was being furnished a copy of FBI Identification Record # [redacted] on [redacted]. It was pointed out that it had been ascertained a Senate Committee investigator had been in touch with the Las Vegas, Nevada, Police Department concerning [redacted].

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According to the attached teletype from Las Vegas, on November 5, 1973, Detective [redacted] of the Las Vegas Police Department received a telephone inquiry from [redacted] investigator for the Senate Committee on Rules and Administration. [redacted] was reportedly attempting to identify an individual, name unknown, who owned some land allegedly purchased from the Colorado River Commission in Nevada and who allegedly introduced Ford to "individuals in the milk industry." The land owned by this individual was reported to be adjacent to land which had also been purchased from the Colorado River Commission, and which became an issue during the 1970 election in which Ed Fike, Republican Party candidate, ran against Howard W. Cannon, United States Senator from Nevada (Dem.), the incumbent. It is noted that Cannon is Chairman of the Senate Committee on Rules and Administration.

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- 2 - ENCLURE
- 1 - Mr. Callahan
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Memorandum to Mr. Cleveland  
Re: Gerald Rudolph Ford

Detective [ ] said he ascertained from the Colorado River Commission that [ ] had purchased forty acres adjacent to the property, which had been an issue during the 1970 election, with the announced intention of constructing a resort hotel. According to Detective [ ] preliminary inquiry by the Las Vegas Police Department indicates [ ] is probably a con man and the announced intention to construct a hotel is a con game. He said [ ] has already caused monetary losses to some people. He advised he telephonically submitted the identity of [ ] to [ ] and suggested he contact the FBI for further information.

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Bureau files indicate [ ] was born on [ ], in [ ]. He was formerly involved in gambling activities in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, where he was considered a top local hoodlum. He had been engaged in a [ ] business in Oklahoma. In 1950 the Oklahoma Tax Commission cancelled his charter to operate his [ ] because of failure to pay the franchise tax. He filed for bankruptcy in December, 1950, and was discharged from bankruptcy in February, 1951. [ ] was the subject of an Anti-Racketeering - Labor Management Relations Act investigation in 1959 in connection with a union contract involving [ ] however, prosecution was declined. Investigation in 1963 by our Oklahoma City Office did not indicate he was then engaged in illegal activities. There is attached a copy of Identification Record [ ] which indicates [ ] has a record of numerous arrests on charges including forgery, gambling, possession of liquor, and bogus checks. He paid fines in connection with several of these arrests. (92-3670)

During our investigation of Ford no information was received connecting him with anyone by the name of [ ]. We did conduct investigation concerning an allegation that in February, 1973, [ ] a Greenville, Illinois, farmer [ ] the Agricultural and Dairy Education Political Trust, had stated Ford was given money in exchange for help in advancing legislation sought by milk producers. Ford has denied this allegation and [ ] denied making any such statement.

Memorandum to Mr. Cleveland  
Re: Gerald Rudolph Ford

OBSERVATIONS

It is noted an investigator for the Senate Committee on Rules and Administration has reportedly made inquiries concerning an individual who might have been involved directly or indirectly with a land deal in Nevada which was an issue in Senator Cannon's reelection campaign in 1970. The allegation that such individual might have introduced Ford to "individuals in the milk industry" appears rather remote and it is possible the inquiry by the Senate investigator may be politically motivated.

ACTION

For information. No further investigation of Ford considered warranted on the basis of the foregoing.

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TO DIRECTOR (161-9896)

DETROIT

FROM CHICAGO (161-2695) (RUC) 1P

GERALD R. FORD, AKA. SPI.

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Mr. Callahan  
Room 1246

RE CHICAGO PHONE CALL TO BUREAU DATED 11/7/73.

UNKNOWN MALE TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED CHICAGO OFFICE/AND

STATED SEVERAL YEARS AGO FORD PUSHED VERY HARD FOR A SEVERAL

MILLION DOLLAR GSA CONTRACT FOR COMPANY IN REED CITY, MICHIGAN.

THIS CONTRACT WAS FOR ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT FOR THE MILITARY.

THE COMPANY, OWNED BY NORMAN RAUTIOLO, WAS NOT ELIGIBLE TO

BID AS IT WAS NOT ON GSA'S QUALIFIED PRODUCTS LIST AND HAD

ALSO DEFAULTED ON A \$150,000 SBA LOAN. CALLER STATED THAT

RAUTIOLO AND FORD ALSO HAD SEVERAL QUESTIONABLE DEALINGS WITH

THE OLD KENT STATE BANK AT REED CITY, MICHIGAN. CALLER REFUSED

TO IDENTIFY HIMSELF, GIVE ANY SPECIFIC DETAILS, OR HOW HE

KNEW ABOVE INFORMATION.

CHICAGO INDICES NEGATIVE REGARDING NORMAN RAUTIOLO. ABOVE

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Office of the Solicitor General  
Washington, D.C. 20530

November 9, 1973

The Honorable Peter W. Rodino, Jr.  
Chairman  
Committee on Judiciary  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

This is in response to your November 8, 1973 letter notifying me of your intention to commence hearings on the nomination of Gerald R. Ford to be Vice President, and requesting that FBI investigative reports be made available to a designated panel of Committee members.

The Director of the FBI strongly disapproves of the procedure of expanding the access to these reports for the reasons outlined in my letters to you on the subject, dated October 25 and November 1, 1973. Although I share his views, I have acquiesced in your request only because of my concern that the confirmation hearings of Mr. Ford would be unduly delayed. Such delay would have been aggravated by the suggestion that you would subpoena the reports unless the Department of Justice made them available in the manner outlined in your letter.

The extraordinary procedure we are following in this case should not be considered a precedent for the future. The widespread dissemination of FBI investigative reports, containing unevaluated data and hearsay, carries too much potential for injury to the reputations of innocent persons and damage to the ability of the FBI to obtain candid assessments to become standard practice. We were pleased with the cooperation of the Senate Committee on Rules and Administration that made it possible to limit access to the raw reports to the Chairman, Senator Howard W. Cannon, and to the ranking Republican member, Senator Marlow W. Cook. That procedure seems to us to accommodate the interests of all parties in the proper manner.

I have made arrangements to make the investigative reports concerning Mr. Ford available in their entirety

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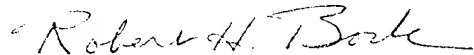
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to you and the designated Committee members upon reasonable notice.

The reports will be in the custody of an official of the Department of Justice, who will be accompanied by an FBI representative familiar with them in a position to assist the Committee members in their review. None of the materials will be left with a Committee member but will be returned to the Department of Justice after each review session.

Contact should be made with John T. Duffner, Executive Assistant to the Deputy Attorney General, for the arrangement of delivery of the investigative reports to designated Committee members. His telephone number is 739-2108.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert H. Bork".

Robert H. Bork  
Acting Attorney General

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TO SAC DETROIT (161-1355)  
FROM DIRECTOR FBI (161-9896) —

GERALD RUDOLPH FORD, SPECIAL INQUIRY.

RE CHICAGO TEL 11/7/73 CONCERNING ANONYMOUS TELEPHONE  
CALL RECEIVED BY THAT OFFICE AND URTEL 11/8/73.

INTERVIEW NORMAN RAUTIOLA RE ALLEGATIONS OF  
ANONYMOUS CALLER. CONDUCT NO FURTHER INVESTIGATION IN ABSENCE  
OF BUREAU INSTRUCTIONS.

SUBMIT REPORT TODAY BY FACSIMILE CONTAINING  
INFORMATION RE ALLEGATIONS RECEIVED BY CHICAGO ON 11/6/73 AND  
RESULTS OF INTERVIEW WITH RAUTIOLA.

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✓ Mr. Coleman  
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Office: Detroit, Michigan

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Title:

GERALD RUDOLPH FORD

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SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis:

Results of investigation re anonymous phone  
call received 11/7/73, set forth and proved  
to be negative.

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DETAILS:

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This investigation is predicated on a telephone call received on November 6, 1973, at Chicago, Illinois, from an unidentified male who stated that several years ago, Mr. GERALD R. FORD pushed very hard for a several million dollar General Services Administration (GSA) contract for a company in Reed City, Michigan. Allegedly, this contract was for electronic equipment for the use of the military. According to the unidentified male telephone caller, the company was owned by NORMAN RAUTIOLA, and it was not eligible to bid as it was not on GSA's qualified products list and it had defaulted on a \$150,000 Small Business Administration (SBA) loan. Moreover, the caller stated that RAUTIOLA and FORD had several questionable dealings with the Old Kent Bank at Reed City, Michigan.

The caller refused to identify himself or to give any specific details, and he declined to say how he knew the above information.

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The following investigation was conducted by  
SAs [ ] and [ ]

NORMAN RAUTIOLA, President, Nartron Corporation, 5000 North U. S. 131, Reed City, Michigan, residence address 430 West Upton, Reed City, advised that his company employs 40 individuals in Reed City and it produces electronic equipment chiefly for motor vehicles. RAUTIOLA stated this year electronic equipment was used on both military and civilian vehicles. RAUTIOLA advised that his company does receive from government contracts approximately one half million dollars a year.

RAUTIOLA stated that he has never privately met GERALD R. FORD, though he does know Mr. FORD through his association with the Republican Party of Osceola County. He stated he has never met Mr. FORD privately nor any of his staff privately, but that he has attended several Republican Party political functions at which Mr. FORD was present. RAUTIOLA advised he is the co-chairman of the Osceola County Republican Financial Committee.

RAUTIOLA stated emphatically that he never approached Mr. FORD or Mr. FORD's staff for any political favors regarding his company's business or any other company's business.

RAUTIOLA advised that during early 1973, a company named DC Electronic, Inc., of Aurora, Illinois, was given a U. S. Army contract to produce electronic equipment for the Warren Tank Plant. RAUTIOLA stated that in his opinion, this bid was made under questionable circumstances and since his company was the next highest bidder and he believed the Army had awarded the bid to DC Electronic after DC Electronic had misinformed the Army, he brought legal action to attempt to have the DC Electronic bid cancelled and the bid awarded to Nartron Corporation.

He advised that after an amount of litigation, the contract for DC Electronic was cancelled by the Army and then awarded to Nartron. He stated as a result of this loss to DC Electronic, the company [ ] has been attempting to discredit RAUTIOLA and the Nartron Corporation.

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RAUTIOLA advised that DC Electronic issued a formal complaint to the General Accounting Office in Washington, D. C. against Nartron Corporation, but after a hearing involving the complaint, DC Electronic withdrew the complaint on August 21, 1973.

He advised the primary allegation in the complaint brought by DC Electronic was that he personally had gained influence with GERALD R. FORD who was associated with the Old Kent Bank in Grand Rapids, Michigan and due to this influence, was given preferential treatment for business loans, that RAUTIOLA was the recipient of a substantial Small Business Association loan which was defaulted due to lack of payment, and that Nartron Corporation had improperly gained U. S. Government contracts through the use of political influence. ~~Mr.~~ RAUTIOLA stated that he never received any assistance from GERALD R. FORD or any other politician in gaining any influence for financial gain for himself, his company, or any other company, and that all the above allegations made by DC Electronic are completely untrue.

RAUTIOLA advised that he believes that anyone who would have anonymously called the FBI and advised of similar allegations to those mentioned above, would probably have been a representative of DC Electronic and that any such allegations are patently untrue.

RAUTIOLA stated that regarding the allegations made by DC Electronic against himself and Nartron Corporation, the documentary proof of the falseness of the allegations is on file with the General Accounting Office in Washington, D. C., and the U. S. District Court in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

RAUTIOLA advised that regarding the allegations that he had used influence with GERALD R. FORD, who was in a position of authority with the Old Kent Bank at Reed City, that there is no Old Kent Bank branch at Reed City, Michigan, and that all RAUTIOLA's dealings with the Old Kent Bank were done at Grand Rapids, Michigan.

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RAUTIOLA re-emphasized that his company has never defaulted on any Small Business Administration loan. The only Small Business Administration loan ever taken by his company was issued through a local bank in Reed City, Michigan, for a term of three years. This loan was paid off in one year. He stated that GERALD R. FORD had no influence on his company gaining this loan.

In conclusion, RAUTIOLA stated that GERALD R. FORD's Congressional District does not even include Reed City, Michigan, the headquarters of Nartron Corporation.

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*Gerald R. Ford*

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The Honorable Peter W. Rodino, Jr.  
Chairman  
Committee on Judiciary  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

This is in response to your letter postmarked November 2, 1973, requesting any and all tapes or summaries of conversations between Representative Gerald R. Ford and Mr. Earl "Red" Blaik, in connection with electronic surveillance of Mr. Fred Black's room in the Sheraton-Carlton Hotel in 1963 or 1964.

For your background information, there was no telephone surveillance. Microphone surveillances were in place, however, in Mr. Black's room from February 7 to April 25, 1963. During the absence of Mr. Black and at a time when there were no vacancies, the hotel allowed Mr. Blaik to occupy Mr. Black's room and the conversations during that period were also recorded.

The tapes involved were erased very shortly after they were transcribed in 1963, as was the practice of the FBI until Title III of The Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act became effective. "Summary airtels" of these tapes were forwarded to FBI Headquarters by the Bureau's Washington Field Office. These are documents prepared by the agents involved, which summarize the lengthy periods involved, excerpting relevant conversations in as close to verbatim form as possible.

There are 23 summary airtels involving Mr. Blaik. Since these reflect microphone surveillances rather than telephone taps, only one party to telephone conversations is overheard.

These pertinent airtels will be made available upon reasonable notice by the Committee members designated in your letter to me of November 8.

Contact should be made with John T. Duffner, Executive Assistant to the Deputy Attorney General, for

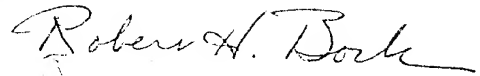
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the arrangement of delivery of these summary airtels  
to designated Committee members.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Robert H. Bork". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Robert H. Bork  
Acting Attorney General

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TO : Mr. Cleveland

DATE: 11-9-73

FROM : O. E. Coleman

SUBJECT: GERALD RUDOLPH FORD  
SPECIAL INQUIRY

At 2 p.m. today SA [redacted] of the Special Investigative Division contacted Patrick McSweeney, Deputy Assistant Attorney General in charge of Legislative Affairs, at his request. McSweeney advised he had received a letter from Representative Peter J. Rodino, Jr., Democrat from New Jersey, inquiring regarding our "telephone surveillance" of Congressman Ford in "1963 or 1964."

McSweeney was advised that we did not have a telephone surveillance; however, we did have a microphone surveillance at the Sheraton-Carlton Hotel in Washington, D. C., on Fred B. Black, Jr from February 7, 1963, until April 25, 1963. McSweeney was advised that on April 23, 1963, a conversation was overheard in which Earl Blaik, an official of AVCO Corporation, called Congressman Ford's office and spoke to him regarding an FBI inquiry at the Crosley Plant (a subsidiary of AVCO in Cincinnati, Ohio). McSweeney was advised this information had been made available to Judge William B. Jones in Black's Internal Revenue Service trial in 1967 and Judge Jones had made this and a total of 23 summary airtels recording conversations from the microphone surveillance/to Black's attorneys at that time.

McSweeney was advised that apparently these airtels had been made available to Jack Anderson since many direct quotes had appeared in his column "The Washington Merry-Go-Round."

McSweeney stated he did not desire any copies of the summary airtels at this time since he was only going to answer Rodino's letter.

## ACTION:

For information.

- 1 - Mr. Franck
- 1 - Mr. Bowers
- 1 - Mr. Cleveland
- 1 - Mr. Coleman

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# Memorandum

TO : Mr. Cleveland *WGC*

FROM : K. M. Raupach *KMR*

SUBJECT: GERALD RUDOLPH FORD  
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DATE: 11/12/73

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At 6:55 p.m., 11/12/73, Mary Angevine, secretary to Deputy Attorney General John T. Duffner, telephonically advised information had been received from Rodino's office to the effect that he "wants to know how long it would take for all committee members to review Ford summary airtels." Miss Angevine desired Mr. Coleman to contact Mr. Ziedman who was making the call for Rodino at his office phone 225-3436. *Coleman*

After checking with you, I returned the call to Mary Angevine (Code 187-2107) and informed her that it was our policy that all members would not be allowed to review the summary airtels since previous ground rules were established that only the chairman was to be allowed to review them as that was how it was set up on the Senate side. In addition, Mary Angevine was advised that she should advise Mr. Duffner of this information and if he had any question, he should call you personally.

ACTION: For record purposes.

\*These are summaries of logs of micro-  
phone surveillance of Fred Black at  
Carlton Hotel in 1963 which contain  
Earl Blaik's call to Ford *Coleman*

- 1 - Mr. Cleveland
- 1 - Mr. Coleman
- 1 - Mr. Raupach

ADDENDUM

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OEC:dmc

KMR:mjl  
(4) *mjl*

Subsequent to the above telephone call, we received from Patrick M. McSweeney, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, a copy of the Acting Attorney General's letter dated November 9, 1973, to Congressman Rodino. This letter notes that the pertinent airtels will be made available to the eight Judiciary Committee members who are reviewing the reports of the Ford investigation. SA [redacted] has advised the twenty-three airtels total 135 pages but only two of them have pertinent information concerning Congressman Ford. *b6 b7C*

John Duffner of the Department has been advised of the foregoing and he is making arrangements for the review of these airtels by the eight Congressmen. *John Duffner*

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# Memorandum

TO : Mr. Cleveland *MC*

FROM : O. E. Coleman *OEC*

SUBJECT: GERALD RUDOLPH FORD  
VICE PRESIDENT DESIGNATE  
SPECIAL INQUIRY

DATE: 11-12-73

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On Friday, 11-9-73, Philip Brennan, an attorney in the Tax Division of the Department and Supervisor Dick H. Young, met with Representative Peter Rodino (D-New Jersey) and Chairman of the House Committee on the Judiciary in his office in the Rayburn Building, to review the Bureau investigation of Ford. *Chase*

Mr. Rodino started reading at 1:45 p.m. and read continuously until 8:15 p.m. when he completed his review. Mr. Rodino was very cordial and asked very few questions during his review. He made lengthy notes.

Upon the completion of his review, Mr. Rodino commented that he could see why the circulation of this type of investigation should be strictly limited.

## ACTION:

For information.

- 1 - Mr. Callahan
  - 1 - Mr. Franck
  - 1 - Mr. Bowers
  - 1 - Mr. Cleveland
  - 1 - Mr. Coleman
  - 1 - Mr. Young
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# Memorandum

TO : Mr. Cleveland ✓  
FROM : O. E. Coleman OEC  
SUBJECT: GERALD RUDOLPH FORD  
SPECIAL INQUIRY

DATE: 11-12-73

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This is to advise that Charles D. Ablard of the Office of the Deputy Attorney General, and SA Robert L. Bruggeman, proceeded to the office of Representative Robert W. Kastenmeier (Democrat - Wisconsin) on November 9, 1973, for the purpose of allowing Mr. Kastenmeier to review the reports of the Bureau's investigation of Mr. Ford.

Mr. Kastenmeier was advised that the purpose of the Bureau Agent being there was to assist him in locating information in the report.

Prior to beginning his review, Mr. Kastenmeier asked such questions as: Who requested the investigation? What kind of investigation was requested? Were any restrictions or limitations placed upon the investigation? Was any particular matter requested to be checked into? What types of questions did the Agents ask during the investigation? Was there a list of questions for the Agents to ask, and if so, could he have a copy of the list? What is done when an allegation is made by a person interviewed?

Mr. Kastenmeier was advised that a full field investigation was conducted at the request of the White House, and no restrictions or limitations were placed upon the investigation. He was advised the Agents do not have a specific list of questions to be asked during their interviews, but they endeavor to obtain information regarding the person's character, reputation, loyalty, and in this case financial activities and net worth. He was advised every effort is made to confirm or refute any allegations received.

- 1 - Mr. Callahan
- 1 - Mr. Bowers
- 1 - Mr. Cleveland
- 1 - Mr. Coleman
- 1 - Mr. Bruggeman

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Memorandum to Mr. Cleveland  
Re: Gerald Rudolph Ford

Mr. Kastenmeier began reviewing the report at about 11:45 a.m. He stopped at 1:30 p.m., resumed at 3:00 p.m., and stopped again at 5:15 p.m. He took very few notes and completed the first three parts of the investigation. At one point during the review he noted that a woman had been interviewed and commented that she knew of no derogatory information concerning Mr. Ford and had no information concerning his visits to a psychiatrist, about which she read in a newspaper. Mr. Kastenmeier asked if she had volunteered the information about a psychiatrist or whether she had been questioned about it by the interviewing Agent. He was advised that our Agents are supposed to receive information, not give information about matters pertaining to character, reputation, associations, and loyalty, and that in this instance the woman undoubtedly volunteered the information.

A plaque on the wall of Mr. Kastenmeier's office was observed and indicated he had been proclaimed the "Civil Libertarian of the Year," 1972, by the Wisconsin Civil Liberties Union.

Mr. Kastenmeier stated he would resume his review of the reports at about 1:30 p.m., on November 12, 1973.

ACTION:

For information.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (MAIL) (161-9896) AND SAC  
KANSAS CITY

FROM: SAC, WFO (161-9324) (P) (1P)

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REBUTEL CALL, 11/13/73.

THIS CONFIRMS WFO TELEPHONE CALL TO KANSAS CITY, 11/13/73.

GARY HANMAN AND ATTORNEY [REDACTED] CHECKED OUT OF HOTEL  
IN WASHINGTON, D.C. IN LATE MORNING 11/13/73, DESTINATION  
UNKNOWN.

KANSAS CITY DETERMINE CURRENT WHEREABOUTS OF HANMAN AND  
INTERVIEW AS REQUESTED BY BUREAU.

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11:39 AM 11/13/73 URGENT JWM

TO DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM SAC, KANSAS CITY (161-793) 1P

GERALD RUDOLPH FORD, SPECIAL INQUIRY.

RE BUREAU TELEPHONE CALL, 11/13/73.

[REDACTED] ATTORNEY, MID-AMERICA DAIRYMEN, INC.,  
SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI, ADVISED THAT GARY E. HANMAN,  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, ABOVE ORGANIZATION, HAD RECEIVED A  
SUBPOENA FROM THE SENATE SELECT COMMITTEE ON PRESIDENTIAL  
CAMPAIGN ACTIVITIES SIGNED BY SENATOR ERVIN AND SCHEDULED  
TO APPEAR 9:30 AM, 11/13/73. CURRENTLY AT HOTEL LA FANTE,  
TELEPHONE 484-1000, WASHINGTON, D.C. [REDACTED] ADVISED HANMAN  
WITH HIS ATTORNEY, [REDACTED] AND MAY BE REGISTERED UNDER  
THAT NAME.

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Mr. [REDACTED]  
Room 1246

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4:45 PM 11-13-73 URGENT LEB

TO DIRECTOR, FBI (161-9896)

FROM KANSAS CITY (161-793) RUC 1P

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Mr. Coleman  
Room 1246

RE WFO CALL AND TELETYPE, 11/13/73.

RECONTACT WITH GARY HANMAN'S OFFICE THIS DATE  
DETERMINED HE AND ATTORNEY, [REDACTED] HAD RESERVATIONS  
TO LEAVE BALTIMORE AIRPORT AT 7:30 PM, 11/13/73. HANMAN'S  
OFFICE HAS HAD NO CONTACT WITH HIM TODAY AND THEY DO NOT  
KNOW THEIR TRAVEL PLANS OR ARRIVAL TIME IN SPRINGFIELD  
OR KANSAS CITY. HANMAN SCHEDULED TO MAKE SPEECH IN KANSAS  
CITY MORNING OF 11/14/73 AND KC WILL ATTEMPT TO INTERVIEW  
HIM AT THAT TIME.

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# Memorandum

TO : Mr. Cleveland

FROM : O. E. Coleman

SUBJECT: GERALD RUDOLPH FORD  
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At 11:00 a.m. today, Mr. John Duffner of the Department called and stated he had received a telephone call from Senator Howard W. Cannon (D-Nevada). Senator Cannon told Duffner that he wanted to refresh his memory on several items in the Ford report and requested that someone bring a copy of the report to his office for his assistance.

SA Dick H. Young and a Departmental attorney proceeded to Cannon's Office with the report. Senator Cannon wanted to go over the allegations that the Terranova Brothers, Wisconsin cheese merchants, were connected with organized crime in Michigan. He did so and advised Young that the committee had received an allegation that the Terranova's may have ties to a Grande Cheese Company in Wisconsin, which cheese company was allegedly partly owned by Joe Bonanno, the notorious hoodlum. He said it was stated that the Grande Cheese Company was in some way connected with Continental Connectors, of Chicago, which in turn owns the M and R Investment Company, which in turn owns the Dunes Hotel in Las Vegas, which hotel has some ties with the Valley Bank of Nevada.

The foregoing was checked against our report which contains no information concerning the matter. Senator Cannon also wanted to check the names of Gary E. Hanman, [redacted] and [redacted] through our report. The only one identifiable was Gary Hanman, who is Director of the Mid-America Dairymen, Incorporated, and is mentioned in our report due to an allegation that Ford accepted money from the dairy industry.

- 1 - Mr. Callahan
- 1 - Mr. Franck
- 1 - Mr. Bowers
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Memorandum to Mr. Cleveland  
RE: GERALD RUDOLPH FORD

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Regarding Hanman and [ ] it is noted that we are presently endeavoring to locate them for interview, at Senator Cannon's request, for any information they may have concerning any dairy industry funds furnished to Ford or to the Republican Party through Ford.

ACTION:

For information.

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Bureau telephone call to Oklahoma City, 11/13/73.  
Bureau airtel to WFO and Oklahoma City, 11/7/73,  
entitled, " [REDACTED] INFORMATION CONCERNING  
(Accounting and Fraud Section - Watergate Unit)."

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## ADMINISTRATIVE:

For information of the Bureau, Oklahoma City files indicate [REDACTED] has FBI Number [REDACTED]. He has been arrested on numerous occasions from 1954 through 1957 for investigation, burglary, gambling and possession of liquor. There is no indication he has ever served time in a penal institution. On 12/12/67 he

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was interviewed by a Bureau Agent at which time he readily admitted being active in gambling activities in the past; however, since his children were reaching maturity he had given up any connections with gambling. In 1958, [redacted] was considered a top local hoodlum in the Oklahoma City area and was the subject of a case captioned, [redacted] "ANTI-RACKETEERING", Bufile number 92-3670, Oklahoma City file 92-112. In this matter no illegal activities on the part of [redacted] were developed which resulted in the case being closed on 2/14/62.

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In referenced Bureau airtel the Bureau requested the interview of [redacted] Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, concerning his deal with [redacted] [redacted] In response to this inquiry, [redacted] appeared at the Oklahoma City FBI Headquarters for interview concerning both matters.

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Report of: [REDACTED]  
Date: 11-13-73

Office: Oklahoma City

Field Office File #: 161-456

Bureau File #:

Title: GERALD RUDOLPH FORD

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis: On 11-13-73, [REDACTED] was interviewed and advised he never transmitted any funds from any source to Representative GERALD RUDOLPH FORD or through Representative FORD to the Republican Party or to any Republican Party candidate. [REDACTED] furnished details concerning an introduction he made between [REDACTED] and GARY HANMAN for the purpose of obtaining financial assistance regarding campaign debts of certain individuals.

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Enclosure: One copy of Identification Record under FBI number [REDACTED] concerning [REDACTED].

Details:

The following investigation was conducted by  
Special Agent [REDACTED] and Special Agent [REDACTED].

AT OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA

On November 13, 1973, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED], American Farm Lines, 8115 Southwest 15th  
Street, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, advised that he has never  
transmitted any funds from any source to Representative  
GERALD RUDOLPH FORD or through Representative FORD to the  
Republican Party or to any Republican Party candidate.

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[ ] advised he is, however, acquainted with Representative FORD in his official capacity as [ ] of American Farm Lines. He first became acquainted with Representative FORD when he visited the offices of FORD in Michigan for the purpose of establishing relations in the transportation industry. [ ] explained that American Farm Lines is the only Trans-continental Farm Co-op in the transportation of general commodities including Class A and B explosives for the Department of Defense over irregular routes which include a number of truck routes in Michigan.

[ ] stated further that early in 1973 his good friend [ ] in Washington, D. C., called him. [ ] told him that approximately eight or ten Republican politicians needed some assistance to pay their campaign debts. [ ] explained that [ ] is [ ] for [ ] Incorporated, which is a corporation wholly owned by [ ] and based in Oklahoma City. [ ] advised that he told [ ] that he would make inquiry with certain political arms which existed within the framework of American Farm Lines concerning [ ] need. [ ] said he then contacted GARY HANMAN, who is the top executive of A.D.E.P.T., which is a political organization of Mid-America Dairymen, Incorporated, Springfield, Missouri. He relayed to HANMAN the message received from [ ] concerning the financial assistance needed by the Republican politicians. HANMAN said that he would look into it and later returned [ ] call advising that some help would be given and at this time requested the names of those individuals needing assistance.

[ ] said he then called [ ] in Washington, D. C., and instructed [ ] to furnish HANMAN with the names of the Republican politicians. [ ] stated that from this point [ ] dealt directly with HANMAN. He said the normal procedure followed by A.D.E.P.T. is to make a check payable to the individual for the campaign expenses with a return receipt. He assumed this is what transpired with these eight or ten individuals although he personally did not handle any of the checks nor did he have any knowledge as to the amount of assistance given.



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[ ] continued that he has never received from Representative FORD or on behalf of FORD any funds or money for any political activity or campaign debts. He concluded by saying that Representative FORD has never given him any money nor has he [ ] ever given money on behalf of Representative FORD.

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There is attached a copy of an Identification Record under FBI number [ ] pertaining to [ ] [ ] who was interviewed on November 13, 1973, in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

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REPORT MADE AT <b>ALEXANDRIA</b>	ORIGIN <b>BUREAU</b>	DATE <b>11/13/73</b>	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD <b>11/13/73</b>
TITLE OF CASE <b>GERALD RUDOLPH FORD, aka Gerald Rudolph Ford, Jr., Leslie King, Jr.</b>		REPORT MADE BY <b>SA [redacted]</b>	TYPED BY <b>Imm</b>
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REFERENCE: Bureau telephone call to Alexandria, 11/13/73.

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Report of:

SA [REDACTED]

Office: Alexandria, Virginia

Date:

11/13/73

Field Office File #:

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Bureau File #: 161-9896

Title:

GERALD RUDOLPH FORD

Character:

SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis:

WALTER S. BARING, former Democratic Congressman from Nevada highly recommended GERALD FORD for the position of Vice President of the United States. He has never made any personal or political contributions or donations to FORD or to FORD's campaign.

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DETAILS:

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Date of transcription 11/13/73

Mr. WALTER S. BARING, 1007 Neal Drive, Alexandria, Virginia, advised that he was the Congressman from Reno, Nevada, for ten terms from 1948 through 1972 with four years out of Congress after the 1952 election. He said during his time in Congress he became a close friend of GERALD FORD, Congressman from Michigan, and he considered him a grand person who was always a gentleman and friendly at all times and he believes he would make an excellent Vice President.

He said he had nothing but the highest regard for FORD concerning his character, associates, reputation, and loyalty and in all the years he has served in Congress with him, he knew of nothing derogatory or unfavorable about him. He said **party politics never interfered with his friendship** with FORD. They frequently assisted one another with bills which they were trying to pass in Congress. He said his relationship with FORD was primarily in Congress and he did not have a social relationship and has never met any member of FORD's family socially.

Mr. BARING advised that he has never raised any funds for or on the behalf of FORD or his campaign and he has never collected or passed any funds to FORD on behalf of himself or any other person.

Mr. BARING advised that during his Democratic primary campaign in Nevada during 1972 he encountered physical difficulty as he had a broken hip and slipped in the bathtub and broke some of his ribs, and approximately eight days prior to the election he developed a viral infection which caused him to be hospitalized. He said these physical difficulties created **a difficulty for him to campaign for the election** and raise funds and he was defeated in his bid for reelection. He said after his election his campaign chairman, [redacted]

[redacted] related the difficulties and expenses incurred during the primary to Mr. FORD in an effort to obtain his assistance in paying off the money expenses incurred. Mr. BARING advised he never received any personal contributions from Mr. FORD but he believes two payments of \$2500 was received by his campaign

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Interviewed on 11/13/73 at Alexandria, Virginia File # AX 161-2322

by SA [redacted] SA [redacted] EJH:lmn Date dictated 11/13/73

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committee through the efforts of Mr. FORD. Mr. BARING advised that he did not know the details or the source of the payments; however, he knows that the money was not a personal contribution of FORD. He stated that this information could be obtained from .

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Title:

GERALD RUDOLPH FORD

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SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis:

Gannett News Service Correspondent PETER BEHR interviewed, but unable to provide any additional information. BEHR declined to reveal news source.

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ENCLOSURES:

One (1) copy of Gannett News Service article (no heading) by PETER BEHR for weekend editions, November 2, 1973.



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PETER BEHR, Correspondent, Gannett News Service, National Press Building, advised SA [ ] on November 13, 1973 that the total extent of his knowledge about allegations that GERALD R. FORD had received money in exchange for help in advancing legislation sought by dairymen is contained in two news stories he produced for the Gannett News Service.

The first story, which appeared in the Camden, New Jersey, Courier-Post on October 26, 1973, and also was contained in various other Gannett Newspapers around the same time, was previously attached. The second article, enclosed herein, without any heading, is the original and complete story released by the Gannett News Service to the Gannett Newspapers.

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BEHR advised that he could not reveal the source of his information but that he had no additional information at this moment other than that reported in the above articles. He re-emphasized that the interviews with [ ] produced denials of statements attributed to [ ] by [ ]. GARY HANMAN admitted having visited GERALD FORD but was not aware of any contributions made to FORD from the dairy industry. BEHR had no additional information to provide.

Weekend Editions 11/2/73

By Peter Behr  
Gannett News Service

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Washington -- If there is a cloud over the nomination of Rep. GERALD R. FORD of Michigan as Vice President of the United States, it arose from a conversation in Springfield, Illinois last February 12, 1973 between a Senate Aide and an official of one of the dairy industry's prolific political fund-raising organizations.

There are at least three accounts of the conversation, and two of them could be damaging to FORD if proven true.

The Senate aide, JOHN CHILDERS, a legislative assistant to Senator CHARLES PERCY of Illinois, says that the dairy official told him that day that "two people associated with the dairy industry in Illinois had been in Washington" shortly before their conversation "to bring money to Congressman FORD for distribution to other Congressmen in connection with the 1973 farm bill." CHILDERS has told GANNETT News Service that this is the substance of what he has reported to the Senate Rules Committee, now considering FORD's nomination.

The dairy official, DALE SCHAUFELBERGER of Greenville, Illinois, says he did talk to CHILDERS during a meeting that day of Percy's farm advisory committee. But he emphatically denies that they talked about contributions being sent to FORD or through FORD to other congressmen, or anything like that.

"I did not tell JOHN CHILDERS that. That shocks my imagination," SCHAUFELBERGER told Gannett News Service.

-- Finally, some of CHILDERS' friends say that he gave more detailed accounts of the conversation to them privately, shortly after the Springfield meeting.

Although this is hearsay and third-hand, it is noteworthy that several sources independently remember hearing the same details from CHILDERS some months ago, when his memory was fresh and he wasn't faced with the pressure of confronting a Vice Presidential nominee, as he now is. CHILDERS has declined to discuss the incident further with GANNETT reporters.

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One source remembers CHILDERS saying that SCHAUFELBERGER was complaining that the dairy fund-raising groups were being "squeezed" by FORD to contribute, in exchange for FORD's assistance in pushing the increase in federal milk price supports sought by the dairymen:

"CHILDERS said SCHAUFELBERGER told him FORD had called and said he (FORD) needed \$15,000-- it wasn't for him but for "friends in trouble". On February 7, according to this account, the \$15,000 was on a plane on its way to Washington.

Another source recalls CHILDERS' account of the conversation this way: "There were a couple of guys associated with Percy's farm advisory committee who apparently were supposed to collect some money and they were mad about it, and FORD was the guy who was supposed to receive it."

Another source quotes CHILDERS as saying, "the milk producers got squeezed by JERRY FORD in Washington."

Several sources recall CHILDERS saying that he heard that FORD wanted the money "for friends in trouble."

FORD has steadfastly denied any wrongdoing, first to Gannett News Service, then, under oath, at his Senate Confirmation hearings before the Rules Committee Thursday.

FORD says he did agree to supply the dairy groups with the names of Republican congressmen who needed contributions to pay off campaign debts from 1972. And he says he did meet with dairy group officials -- the meeting was late in January or early February -- and the dairy officials offered to let FORD deliver about \$15,000 in checks to some of the Republican congressmen FORD had recommended.

But FORD says he told them to deliver the checks themselves. He told Gannett News service through a spokesman that he "never touched a cent" of illicit contributions from the dairy groups. And he said he neither received nor handled the \$15,000 in checks for the GOP congressmen.

FORD relayed a statement to Gannett reporters October 26 which said: "The story is that the milk producers counsel, BOB COLLIER, came to see me after the election and said his clients

wanted to help Republican members who had campaign debts. I checked with JACK CALKINS (executive director of the Republican Congressional Campaign Committee) as to who had obligations and I gave COLLIER a list of six or seven names. He turned it over to his clients. I then promptly forgot about it.

"A month or so later several milk producers came into my office and wanted to give the money to me. I told them, 'No, if you want to make a contribution to these members, you will have to give the contribution directly to them.' Apparently they did, and I assume the contributions were reported. I have no other knowledge as to the facts of this matter."

FORD made essentially the same report to the Rules Committee Thursday.

And that is what happened, according to CALKINS, COLLIER, the congressmen who received the \$15,000, and the dairymen who delivered it. There are, however, some inconsistencies in the details of these accounts.

COLLIER, for example, said he doesn't represent the dairymen. He served as the go-between because of his long friendship with FORD, he said. He is an ex-FBI agent and a former chief counsel on the House Judiciary Committee.

The principal figure in the story from the dairy groups is GARY E. HANMAN, an official of Mid-America Dairymen Inc., a midwest cooperative, as well as the chairman of its political group called ADEPT -- Agriculture and Dairy Education Political Trust.

HANMAN says he called on COLLIER for help because he knew COLLIER was a close friend of FORD's. HANMAN had met COLLIER in 1970 or 1971 in FORD's office while arranging other contributions for Republican congressmen, HANMAN said.

"I'm not sure JERRY knew who received the contributions -- or cared," COLLIER said.

HANMAN was one of two dairymen who called on FORD with the checks. The other was JOSEPH WESTWATER of Louisville, Kentucky, an official of another dairy political organization -- the Trust for Special Political Agricultural Community Education (SPACE).

During the third week of February, about the time of the visit to FORD, SPACE reported contributions of \$2,000 to Rep. J. HERBERT BURKE, R-Fla; \$500 to Rep. THAD COCHRAN, R-Miss; \$2,500 to Rep. RONALD SARASIN, R-Conn., and \$1,500 to Rep. DAVID TREEN, R-La.

HANMAN's group gave \$3,000 to Rep. WILLIAM COHEN, R-Maine; \$5,000 to former Rep. WALTER BARING, a Nevada Democrat who lost in the 1972 primaries, and it offered a contribution to Rep. CHARLES THONE, R-Neb., who turned it down because he didn't have a campaign debt.

HANMAN recalled that COHEN, THONE, BURKE and SARASIN were among the names FORD suggested. WESTWATER said he didn't remember the circumstances at all. The contributions to the five Republicans total \$9,500. With BARING's the total is \$14,500.

SARASIN recalled the contribution this way. "Early in the 1973 session, FORD asked me if I had any debt from my campaign. I did have a deficit and told him. I remember he may have said there may be some groups willing to help -- that sounds reasonable.... I'm pretty sure he said something about the dairy people. I knew there would be a contribution coming from the dairy people."

COHEN also said FORD approached him early in the year and asked how things were going. COHEN replied that he had a big post-election debt. "As I recall he said there were some groups interested in helping out Republicans and they would probably get in touch with me", said COHEN. The matter was mentioned only one more time, a few weeks later, when FORD asked COHEN if he had heard from the dairy people. When COHEN said no, FORD said he would hear from them.

BURKE had discussed his campaign debt with FORD, but he was contacted by a former Democratic congressman from Wisconsin named LYNN STALBAUM, who inquired about his debt and promised help. STALBAUM is a dairy lobbyist.

Although several of the congressmen say their checks were hand-delivered by dairy lobbyists, all agree that they were never pressured to support milk price legislation. COCHRAN did support the dairymen's bill, the others did not. By all accounts, FORD remained neutral as a compromise was adopted on milk price supports in July.

FORD was not asked by the Rules Committee about CHILDERS' report that the contributions were made in connection with the dairy legislation; nor was he asked about his relationship, however remote, with HANMAN.

Interviewed at his Ninangua, Mo. dairy farm, October 19, HANMAN said that his organization hadn't made any contributions to or through FORD. "No, I don't think so, he said. We've talked to JERRY FORD, I think, on occasion, just as we've talked to other people in the leadership. Of course the purpose of our ADEPT program is to get the dairy farmers' story across to whoever will listen to us... And we'd never talk to a Congressman or Senator about -- what do you call it -- quid pro quo -- 'we'll give you this if you'll do this.' No sir."

FORD has turned all of his financial records over to the Rules Committee, which seemed satisfied Thursday that he hadn't enriched himself while a public official. Several Senators commended him for his full financial disclosure.

FORD has acknowledged that he routinely receives more contributions than he can spend and has channeled the money to congressmen in greater need.

"Historically, a person in a leadership capacity in the House does get contributions that come to us way above our personal needs," he said, Thursday.

FORD's friend COLLIER said he is convinced FORD wouldn't have taken illegal dairy money. "I know JERRY wouldn't ever do such a thing. He wouldn't want it; he doesn't need it."

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# Memorandum

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TO : Mr. Cleveland *W*  
FROM : O. E. Coleman *OEC*  
SUBJECT: GERALD RUDOLPH FORD  
VICE PRESIDENT DESIGNATE  
SPECIAL INQUIRY

DATE: 11/13/73

On 11-6-73 the Chicago Office received a telephone call from a male who refused to identify himself. He stated several years ago Ford pushed very hard for a several million dollar General Services Administration (GSA) contract for a company in Reed City, Michigan. He alleged this contract was for electronic equipment for the use of the military. According to the caller, the company was owned by Norman Rautiola and was not eligible to bid as it was not on GSA's qualified products list and had defaulted on a loan in the amount of \$150,000 with the Small Business Administration (SBA). The caller also stated Rautiola and Ford had several questionable dealings with the Old Kent Bank, Reed City, Michigan.

It has been ascertained that Norman Rautiola is President of the Nartron Corporation, Reed City, Michigan. There is no branch of the Old Kent Bank in Reed City, Michigan. This bank is located in Grand Rapids, Michigan, and Ford was formerly a member of its Board of Directors for a short time. When interviewed, Rautiola advised his firm, which produces electronic equipment chiefly for motor vehicles, receives approximately \$500,000 each year from Government contracts. He stated he met Ford through his, Rautiola's, association with the Republican Party and has attended several Republican Party functions at which Ford was present. Rautiola said he has never met privately with Ford, nor has he approached Ford or any member of Ford's staff for political favors. Rautiola stated that he never received any assistance from Ford or any other politician in gaining any influence for financial gain for himself, his company, or any other company. He stated his firm has never defaulted on a loan with the SBA. Rautiola mentioned that Reed City, Michigan, is not located in the Congressional district which Ford represents.

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Memorandum to Cleveland  
Re: Gerald Rudolph Ford

Rautiola advised that in early 1973 a firm named ~~DC Electronic, Incorporated~~, in Illinois, received a contract to produce electronic equipment for the United States Army. He said he brought legal action to have this firm's contract canceled as he felt it was obtained under questionable circumstances. Rautiola stated the contract was canceled and subsequently awarded to the Nartron Corporation. He advised that because of this, DC Electronic, Incorporated, has been attempting to discredit him and the Nartron Corporation and has made false allegations about him and his firm similar to those made by the anonymous caller.

ACTION: For information. It is not felt that any further investigation of Ford is warranted based on the complaint in the anonymous telephone call received by the Chicago Office.

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To: SACs, Washington Field (161-9324) - Enc. (3)  
Kansas City - Enc. (3)  
Las Vegas (161-279) - Enc. (3)  
Oklahoma City - Enc. (5)

From: Director, FBI (161-9896)

GERALD RUDOLPH FORD  
SPECIAL INQUIRY

This confirms Bucals today.

Attached for your information is one copy each of three newspaper articles prepared by Peter Behr of the Gannett News Service in which Ford is mentioned. Attached for the assistance of Oklahoma City is a copy of Las Vegas teletype dated 11-7-73 containing information concerning [redacted] and a copy of FBI identification record # [redacted] concerning [redacted]

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For information of Oklahoma City and Las Vegas, [redacted] United States Senate Committee on Rules and Administration, has confidentially advised that a source, which he did not identify, has alleged that [redacted] stated he passed \$25,000 to [redacted], former United States Representative from [redacted] allegedly on behalf of Ford.

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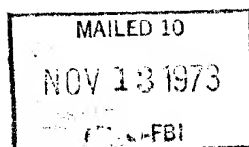
It is desired that Peter Behr be interviewed by Washington Field for information in his possession concerning funds reportedly furnished by the dairy industry to Ford or through Ford to the Republican Party or Republican Party candidates. Ascertain whether he will identify any sources of his who may possess first-hand information in this regard.

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NOTE: Request received 11-12-73 by SA C. Benjamin Fulton from William M. Cochrane, Staff Director, United States Senate Committee on Rules and Administration that Peter Behr, Gary E. Hanman, Walter S. Baring, and [redacted] be interviewed. On 11-13-73 John Duffner of the Department advised the requested interviews should be conducted.

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MAIL ROOM ☒ TELETYPE UNIT ☐

RETURN TO MR. AUERSWALD, ROOM 1258

MEMORANDUM

TO: Howard W. Cannon

DATE: November 7, 1973

FROM: [REDACTED]

RE: Ford Nomination & Dairy  
Contribution

[REDACTED]

I received a call from Pete Beahr, reporter for the Gannett Newspapers. He wants to know did Democratic members of the Committee receive a report from the FBI on the [REDACTED] story? He says several aspects of the charges were not looked into by the Committee.

What was the relationship between Ford and the dairymen who attempted to deliver checks to Ford; namely, Gary Hansen and [REDACTED]? Also, Beahr said Ford was not asked whether he discussed these contributions in connection with the 1973 dairy legislation. He wants to know if you plan to look into this further.

HW: [REDACTED]

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Memo for: Joseph E. O'Leary  
Minority Counsel  
Committee on Rules and Administration, U.S. Senate

From: [redacted] to  
Senator Charles H. Percy

Date: October 24, 1973

Re: Information of possible relevancy to the confirmation proceedings  
on the Honorable Gerald Ford to be Vice President of the United  
States

I am communicating to you on instructions from Senator Percy. Much of the information I am bringing to your attention was given to me in mid-February of this year. At the time, it struck me as an unlikely and irresponsible story, in short, a rumor. However, information which came to my attention yesterday lends possible plausibility, albeit very remote, to the authenticity of the information. It is on this basis that I bring it to your attention, for whatever use it may be to you and the Committee on Rules and Administration. I am at your disposal, or the Committee's, if I can be of further assistance.

On February 12, 1973, I was in Springfield, Illinois, with Senator Percy for Lincoln Day activities. Among other events that day, I attended a meeting of the Senator's Farm Advisory Committee -- a group of 26 farmers from around the State of Illinois who, from time to time, advise the Senator on agricultural matters.

At the conclusion of the meeting, as people began to leave, one of the members of the Committee, [redacted] of Greenville, Illinois, and [redacted] (primarily for a few minutes) he mentioned to me that in the (next part of Representatives) of the dairy industry in Illinois (and [redacted] from Illinois to Washington, D.C. to deliver funds to [redacted] for distribution to other Members of the House [redacted] for the dairy price support situation. My memory [redacted] was prompted by a general discussion of the dairy industry.

It was not stated whether this was a voluntary act on the part of the dairy association, or not.

I don't recall that a specific amount of money was mentioned. No other names were mentioned.

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I never did anything with this information until Friday night, October 12, when I got word to Senator Percy that I had some information on Congressman Ford I wished to discuss with him. Senator Percy and I met on the morning of Saturday, October 13, the day after Congressman Ford's nomination to be Vice President of the United States. That morning I conveyed the story to Senator Percy.

I have done nothing further with the story told to me on February 12, 1973. I treated it as just that -- a story.

To my knowledge, [redacted] was just a working dairy farmer, as all the other members of the Committee were working farmers.

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However, yesterday I learned, for the first time, that he is also a [redacted] in Illinois.

There was no specific mention of how the funds were to be used, though it was my impression that the funds were to be used to help in promoting higher dairy price support legislation in the Congress. That seemed illogical at the time, as I knew the only way dairy price supports could be raised was by administrative action of the Secretary of Agriculture.

Therefore, I considered the story groundless and a rumor, and forgot about it.

It was not until Mr. Ford was nominated to be Vice President that I recalled the story. I thought at that time that, regardless of the lack of facts that I had, I had a responsibility to bring the matter to Senator Percy's attention, which I did on Saturday, October 13, 1973.

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# Dairy industry contribution may hurt Ford confirmation

By PETER BEHR  
Gannett News Service

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## Two of Chicago 7 acquitted by judge

CHICAGO (AP) — A federal judge on Saturday acquitted the Chicago 7 defendants on nearly half of the contempt charges against them, freeing two of them from all further prosecution.

Judge Edward T. Gignoux of U.S. District Court acquitted the seven on 16 of the charges and dismissed another. They had been on trial for 33 counts of contempt arising from their 1971 riot conspiracy trial for disruptions at the 1968 Democratic National Convention.

Judge Gignoux let stand 14 contempt charges against two of their lawyers, William M. Kunstler and Leonard L. Weinglass.

Two of the defendants, John R. Froines and Lee Weiner — each charged with three counts of contempt — were acquitted of all counts and discharged from the trial.

Eight contempt counts remain against David T. Dellinger, Gary, against Jerry C. Rubin, one against Thomas E. Hayden, two against Beanie Davis and five against Abbie Hoffman.

The only defendants in the courtroom Saturday were Froines and Weinglass.

John Froines, right, and Leonard Weinglass, center  
... Appeared in federal court Saturday

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The subject said, "I am a Cuban, born in  
Miami, and I am a Cuban citizen.  
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# Ford Accused of Being Milk Payoff Deliveryman

By Jack W. Gilford and Philip Miller  
General News Service

WASHINGTON — Senate leaders are expected to give a memorandum to Ford in a day or two, charging that Ford was given money to help the milk producers.

Ford had asked for \$1 million to help the milk producers, but the Senate is expected to give him \$500,000.

The memorandum is expected to be given to Ford by the Senate leaders in the next few days. The Senate is expected to give Ford \$500,000 to help the milk producers.

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## After Hill Meeting

Vice President-designate Gerald R. Ford, right, talks to White House Counsel Charles Alan Wright following a meeting on Capitol Hill Thursday at which Republicans were briefed on the President's action regarding the tapes and other events of recent days.

# Ford Denies Fund Tale

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makes contributions only by check to candidates' committees, insists on receipts and lists them fully in its reports. In 1972 ADEPT contributed \$221,155 to candidates for federal offices, according to its reports to the clerk of the House of Representatives. And the group has made further contributions this year as part of an intense campaign to raise the milk price support level.

Childers told Gannett News Service he did not recall whether a specific sum of money was mentioned by Schaefelberger in the February conversation, but he said the contribution was clearly tied to support of the 85 per cent of parity that was the dairyman's goal.

He said he could accept it "with a heavy heart" at the time an "initial link" about the conversation again and it had been closed Oct. 12 by President Nixon to be vice president. The year morning Childers told Percy

for the first time about the conversation. Early this week Percy advised Childers to submit the memorandum to the investigators.

HOWEVER, OTHER sources said Childers described the conversation with Schaefelberger in more detail shortly after it took place.

According to these sources Ford had told Schaefelberger he needed \$15,000 to distribute to help some political friends, presumably with their campaign debts. Childers described Schaefelberger then as adamant at the request from Ford, according to sources who talked to the Percy aide at the time. And, according to this account, Schaefelberger told Childers the \$15,000 was sent to Washington Feb. 7.

The dairyman, faced with sharply rising feed costs, had two goals in that period. They were urging senators and congressmen to support a bill to raise the minimum price support for milk from the then-existing 75 per cent of parity to 85 per cent. And they were hoping the legislative campaign would bring pressure on Agriculture Secretary Earl Butz, who has the authority to set the milk price level administratively before April 1 of each year.

THE ADMINISTRATION opposed the dairy industry bill as part of a general policy of attempting to reduce subsidies.

The separate dairy bill was allowed to die because many congressmen who had received 1972 campaign contributions from milk producers were sensitive about being identified with the measure. The upshot was that the minimum milk price support level—80 per cent of parity was the figure settled upon—was written into the omnibus farm bill where it wouldn't have to be voted on separately.

Schaefelberger has been active in lobbying for dairy legislation in both parties. In addition to serving on Percy's committee, he has served on a similar advisory group for Democratic Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey of Minnesota. He testified in March for the dairy bill.

BUT THE Illinois dairyman was adamant in his insistence that his organization has never dealt in the illegal contributions that have brought other dairy groups under federal scrutiny.

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THE SEATTLE JOURNAL, Fri., Oct. 26, 1973



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Date: November 14, 1973  
Field Office File #: KC 161-793 Bureau File #:  
Title: GERALD RUDOLPH FORD

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis: GARY E. HANMAN, Senior Corporate Vice-President, Mid-America Dairymen, Inc., interviewed in Kansas City, Missouri, and related conversations with Mr. FORD, ~~however, stated that Mr. FORD has not been recipient of any cash donations.~~

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DETAILS:

On November 13, 1973, GARY E. HANMAN, Senior Corporate Vice-President, Mid-America Dairymen, Inc., business address Post Office Box 1837, Springfield, Missouri, was interviewed concerning an allegation made in a Gannett News release to the effect that a group of persons representing the dairy industry had contacted FORD in March, 1973 for his assistance in dairy price support matters and he voluntarily furnished the following information:

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HANMAN stated that on either October 27, 1973, or November 3, 1973, he was contacted by two individuals from the Gannett News Service at his farm in Hiangua, Missouri, who were making an inquiry regarding an allegation that had been made by [REDACTED] an executive aide to Senator CHARLES PERCY from the State of Illinois, to the effect that [REDACTED] a dairy farmer from Greenville, Illinois, had saved



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[redacted] months ago indicated to [redacted] that a group of representatives from the dairy industry had visited Mr. FORD in Washington, D. C., in March, 1973, to obtain FORD's assistance in dairy price support matters. It was further alleged that Mr. FORD had agreed to help the dairy industry, but indicated it would cost them \$15,000 to ~~elicit~~ his support. Allegedly the dairy representatives returned to their respective areas, raised the money and paid the money to Mr. FORD.

[redacted] HANMAN stated he has discussed this matter with [redacted] and [redacted] does not recall relating this information to [redacted].

HANMAN stated that he personally is the chairman of the committee responsible for political disbursements of the Agriculture and Dairy Education Political Trust (ADEPT) which is a separately funded political arm of the Mid-America Dairy Association. HANMAN stated that in that position, he knows there has been no cash contributions to Mr. FORD in 1973.

HANMAN stated in late 1971, he personally had visited with Mr. FORD in Washington, D. C., for the purpose of obtaining a list of people in the Republican Party who were up for reelection who might have a favorable interest in dairy legislation. HANMAN stated that subsequent to his 1971 visit with Mr. FORD, he received a list as to current political races and did indicate on a priority basis, persons in need of assistance.

HANMAN stated that in January or February, 1973, he again visited with Mr. FORD for the purpose of determining what individuals running for reelection needed financial assistance. He stated, as he recalls, Mr. FORD gave him a list of five individuals, two of whom were outside of the area of interest of the Mid-America Dairymen, who were running for reelection.

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HANMAN stated that, as a representative of the Dairy Industry, he, on this occasion, asked Mr. FORD's help on dairy related price support matters. Mr. FORD gave no indication as to whether or not he would support forthcoming legislation favorable to the dairy industry and Mr. HANMAN stated that as a matter of fact, he seems to recall that Mr. FORD did not support a subsequent bill relating to price supports.

HANMAN stated that in late March, 1973, he contacted FORD in Washington, D. C., to advise him that checks to certain candidates had been delivered or mailed to certain candidates up for reelection. HANMAN stated that Mr. FORD was not the recipient of any contributions and did not handle the contributions.

HANMAN stated that, as a representative of dairy interests, he feels that his dealings with Mr. FORD and other political figures of importance in Washington, D. C. have been totally open and honest and there most assuredly has not been any misconduct on the part of himself or Mr. FORD. HANMAN stated that he appeared before the Senate Select Committee referred to as "The Watergate Committee" on November 13, 1973 and furnished complete records of the political contributions by ADEPT. HANMAN stated that there had recently been an audit of their political contributions made, by the General Accounting Office, and certainly the results of this investigation could be obtained by legitimate investigative agencies.

HANMAN stated he would welcome the opportunity to appear as a witness before the Senate Select Committee on the Senate Judiciary Committee and testify concerning his dealings with Mr. FORD.

HANMAN volunteered that between March 16, 1972, and April 7, 1972, before the Federal Elections Campaign Act became effective, requiring that all contributors and recipients of contributions make a full disclosure of their finances, ADEPT did contribute \$5,000 in the form of a check to Mr. FORD's reelection efforts. HANMAN stated that he considers this to be a routine matter and by law neither he nor Mr. FORD are required to disclose this fact. He reiterated that Mr. FORD is only one of several leading political figures with whom his organization maintained contact and made political contributions to.

**The Acting Attorney General**

**November 14, 1973**

**Director, FBI**

**GERALD RUDOLPH FORD  
VICE PRESIDENT DESIGNATE  
SPECIAL INQUIRY**

Representative Edward Marvinsky (Democrat-Iowa) telephoned the Bureau today to request the following additional material concerning the FBI's investigation of Representative Ford be made available to him for review. He is a member of the House Judiciary Committee panel reviewing FBI reports in this matter.

1) All of the accountant's work papers for the year 1970, including a breakdown of Mr. Ford's honorariums for that year.

2) All of the accountant's work papers used in compiling Mr. Ford's net worth statements for the ten-year period examined (1963-1972). He wants to see specifically his net worth statement for 1970.

3) The accountant's work papers for Mr. Ford's Fifth district account. This is an account maintained at The Union Bank and Trust Company, Grand Rapids, Michigan, and, according to his accountant, is used by Mr. Ford for political costs and expenses between campaigns. During our investigation we were informed by Mr. Ford's accountant that this account was then being audited by the Internal Revenue Service.

4) The accountant's work papers dealing with Mr. Ford's purchase of a condominium at Vail, Colorado.

Representative Marvinsky was advised that his request for the foregoing information would be relayed to the Department of Justice for approval.

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Mr. Acting Attorney General  
Mr. William French Smith

It would be appreciated if your assistance were  
rendered to Representative Mazvinsky's request to discontinue  
his trial as soon as possible.

NOTE: Mr. John Duffner, Executive Assistant to the Deputy  
Attorney General, was advised of the telephone call from  
Representative Mazvinsky. He asked that Mazvinsky's request  
be sent to the Acting AG by memorandum. Duffner also requested  
that after approval by the Bureau this memo be brought to  
him and he will take it up with the Acting AG's Office.

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# Memorandum

TO : Mr. Cleveland *WNC*

FROM : O. E. Coleman *OEC*

SUBJECT: GERALD RUDOLPH FORD  
SPECIAL INQUIRY

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Reference is made to my memorandum of November 12, 1973, reporting the review of our reports of the investigation of Mr. Ford by Representative Robert W. Kastenmeier (Democrat - Wisconsin) on November 9, 1973. Mr. Kastenmeier resumed his review of our reports from 1:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., November 12, 1973, in the presence of Associate Deputy Attorney General, Charles D. Ablard and SA Robert L. Bruggeman. On November 13, 1973, Mr. Kastenmeier continued his review of our reports from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and completed the review. On November 13, 1973, Departmental Attorney William J. Holloran of the Antitrust Division and SA Robert L. Bruggeman were present in Mr. Kastenmeier's office.

Mr. Kastenmeier was assisted on several occasions during his review in locating specific items of information. He was interrupted during his review by numerous floor calls to vote, luncheons, and committee meetings. At his request he was furnished a copy of the Nader profile on Mr. Ford published in August, 1972. It was a part of the reports of our investigation.

## ACTION:

For information and record purposes.

- 1 - Mr. Callahan
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To: Mr. Young  
Mr. Auerswald  
Mr. Bruggeman

RE: GERALD RUDOLPH FORD  
VICE PRESIDENT DESIGNATE  
SPECIAL INQUIRY

There is attached a xerox copy of the original of the Bureau's letter to the Acting Attorney General dated November 15, 1973, which has been made available to Mr. Staffeld by Patrick M. McSweeney, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs. This letter sets forth additional investigation requested by Representative George E. Danielson of California.

It bears notations by Gerry Baise of the Deputy Attorney General's Office indicating that the requested investigation should not be conducted and that such future requests for investigation must be sent to the Department through the Chairman of the appropriate committee or its ranking minority member.

Mr. McSweeney also relayed to Mr. Staffeld the Department's instructions that in the future Agents should not accept such requests from Congressmen but that they should inform them that requests for further investigations should be directed to the Department of Justice in writing and over the signature of the Chairman or ranking minority member of the committee.

The original of the above-mentioned letter has been returned to Mr. McSweeney.

ACTION: For information.

O. E. Coleman

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TO : The Acting Attorney General

DATE: November 15, 1973

FROM : *mt* Director, FBI

SUBJECT: GERALD RUDOLPH FORD  
VICE PRESIDENT DESIGNATE  
SPECIAL INQUIRY

On November 14, 1973, Representative George E. Danielson of California requested that the FBI conduct the following additional inquiries concerning Representative Ford and that the results be made available to Representative Danielson who is a member of the House Judiciary Committee Panel reviewing FBI reports in this matter. Representative Danielson stated that while he preferred the FBI to conduct the investigation he is requesting, he is agreeable to congressional investigators' handling these inquiries if for any reason the Department of Justice does not respond favorably to his request.

1) The exact dates that [redacted]  
[redacted] Congressman Stanford Parris of Virginia, was employed by the House of Representatives, including any employment by any other congressman.

2) That [redacted] be reinterviewed to determine his connection with [redacted] Directors Financial Corporation, Los Angeles, California, and with [redacted]  
[redacted] and to what extent [redacted] was actually personally acquainted with Representative Ford. With respect to the above requests, it is noted that [redacted] and [redacted] were previously interviewed concerning allegations that Representative Ford was possibly involved in an import business allegedly handling goods from Red China, resulting from Representative Ford's 1972 trip to China.



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3) Determine the precise business structure of [redacted] Diversified Business Services International, Limited, to include the identity of the officers and/or owners as well as the remuneration plan to officers of this firm.

4) Interview [redacted] and determine to what extent he knows [redacted].

5) Interview [redacted] to determine the complete dissemination of \$15,000 reportedly given by him on behalf of the milk producers to Republican Congressmen suggested by Representative Ford in the spring of 1973, following Representative Ford's refusal to accept these funds for disbursement to other Congressmen.

6) Check Representative Ford's appointment book for the week when he admittedly visited Dr. Arnold A. Hutschnecker in New York City, to determine if Representative Ford's visit was listed as a scheduled appointment.

7) Check Dr. Hutschnecker's appointment book for the same week to determine if Representative Ford's visit was shown as a scheduled appointment and whether the length of Representative Ford's visit is recorded.

Representative Danielson was advised that his request for the foregoing information would be relayed to the Department of Justice for approval.

It would be appreciated if your decision with regard to Representative Danielson's request is furnished to this Bureau as soon as possible.

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On November 13, 1973, Supervisor Dick H. Young and Departmental Attorney Miles Ryan met with Representative Edward Mezvinsky (D.-Iowa) in his office so that he could review the report concerning Mr. Ford.

Mezvinsky began reviewing the report at 10:45 a.m. and read until 10:00 p.m., November 13, 1973. He resumed reviewing the report at 8:00 a.m., November 14, 1973. At 10:00 a.m. he had a meeting and had to leave. He again began reviewing the report at 1:00 p.m. with Supervisor [redacted] substituting for Young, as Young had to go to Senator Cannon's office. Mezvinsky kept reading until 7:00 p.m., November 14, 1973, when he completed his review.

Mezvinsky, aged 36, is a freshman Representative, as he has only been in Congress since January, 1973. He had numerous questions concerning the report, many of which were not pertinent, indicating a certain amount of naivete. He was very cordial.

Mezvinsky has since requested additional information from the accountant's work papers with regards to Ford's financial background. His request is the subject of another communication and is presently being considered by the Acting Attorney General. *W 5-289 4294*

ACTION: For information.

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TO : Mr. Cleveland *WC*  
FROM : O. E. Coleman *EC*  
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On November 14, 1973, Supervisor Dick H. Young, accompanied by Departmental Attorney John Kilgariff, met with Representative Thomas F. Railsback (R.-Illinois) so that Railsback could review the report on Mr. Ford. Although Railsback had indicated he would be ready to review the report at 9:30 a.m., he did not reach his office until nearly 11 a.m. as he attended the President's breakfast at The White House with other House members. He read off and on during the day and finally completed his review at approximately 10 p.m. He asked very few questions but did make copious notes.

Representative Railsback was very cordial and upon the completion of his review was highly complimentary concerning the investigation, particularly indicating amazement at the scope, size, and thoroughness of our investigation.

ACTION: For information.

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# Memorandum

TO : MR. CLEVELAND *WCS*

FROM : A. A. STAFFELD, JR. *AA*

SUBJECT: GERALD RUDOLPH FORD  
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DATE: November 15, 1973

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It is noted that Congressman Mezvinsky, a member of the House Judiciary Committee inquiring into the Ford nomination, requested the following additional material accumulated by the Bureau during its investigation of Ford.

1. Accountant's work papers for 1970.
2. Accountant's work papers comparing Ford's net worth statements for a 10-year period.
3. Accountant's work paper for Ford's Fifth District account.
4. Accountant's work papers dealing with Ford's purchase of the condominium in Vail, Colorado.

The Department was requested by memorandum November 14, 1973, to advise whether the Bureau should honor this request.

Mr. McSweeney in the Department's Legislative Office, inquired as to the availability of the above-requested items. Upon examination of the work papers forwarded to the Bureau by the Detroit office and consultation with Agent [redacted] telephonically in the Kansas City Office, who actually worked with and produced these records, it was ascertained that none of the four above items were audited in total and work papers are, therefore, not complete with respect to each. For example, the only net worth developed for Mr. Ford was as of 9/30/73.

No analysis was made of the Fifth District account but a general review was undertaken in the account looking for anything unusual. It is understood that IRS was making a complete audit of this account. With respect to the Vail, Colorado, condominium purchase, it was determined that only some phases of this holding were examined. Income and

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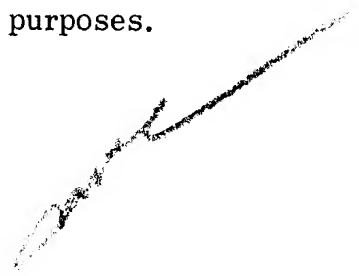
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expenses was one and cost was another. The accountants pointed out that because the material in the work papers does not cover all aspects of the four items, it could well result in creating more questions if these records were made available to the Department for review by the Committee. The foregoing was telephonically brought to the attention of Mr. McSweeney. The latter indicated that he was at the present time negotiating with Congressman Mezvinsky looking toward a compromise. He indicated he would advise of the results.

ACTION:

None - for record purposes.



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TO : Mr. Cleveland *NS*

FROM : O. E. Coleman *EC*

SUBJECT: GERALD RUDOLPH FORD  
SPECIAL INQUIRY

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This is to advise that on November 13, 1973, SA [ ] accompanied by Anthony Sluga of the Office of the Deputy Attorney General, proceeded to the Office of Representative David W. Dennis (Republican-Indiana), 1535 Longworth House Office Building, for the purpose of allowing Representative Dennis to review the reports of the Bureau's investigation of Mr. Ford.

Mr. Dennis was advised that SA [ ] and Mr. Sluga would remain in his office with him during his review of the Bureau reports and SA [ ] would assist him with regard to any questions he might have concerning the reports or to locate any information therein.

Representative Dennis reviewed Section 1 of the reports from approximately 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. He resumed his review at 7:40 p.m., terminating it at 10:20 p.m. He completed his review of Section 1 of the report, and also Washington Field report number three dated 10/30/73 (Part VII) with regard to Mr. Ford's association with Earl Blaik and Fred B. Black, Jr. He also reviewed Los Angeles report number two dated 10/31/73 (Part VIII) with regard to Earl Blaik's interview concerning Fred B. Black and Mr. Ford.

Representative Dennis advised he would contact John Duffner, Executive Assistant to the Deputy Attorney General, if/he desired a further review of the reports in this case.  
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## ACTION:

For information.

- 1 - Mr. Callahan
- 1 - Mr. Bowers
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TO : Mr. Cleveland *WKC*  
FROM : O. E. Coleman *OEC*  
SUBJECT: GERALD RUDOLPH FORD  
VICE PRESIDENT DESIGNATE  
SPECIAL INQUIRY

DATE: November 15, 1973

Reference is made to my previous memoranda regarding the review of our reports of the investigation of Ford by members of the United States Senate and House of Representatives.

George E. Danielson, United States Representative from California and Member of the House Committee on the Judiciary, reviewed the Bureau reports in this case on the following dates:

11-9-73	11:45 A.M. to 6:30 P.M.
11-10-73	9:00 A.M. to 5:30 P.M.
11-11-73	10:00 A.M. to 1:45 P.M.
11-12-73	9:00 A.M. to 6 P.M.
11-13-73	10:00 A.M. to 11 A.M.

SA Orvis J. Auerswald was present during Representative Danielson's review on November 9, 10, and 11, 1973, and SA [ ] was present during his review on November 12 and 13, 1973. The following Department of Justice employees, one of whom was present at all times during the review, had custody of the reports and returned them to the Department at the conclusion of each review: Mr. Vincent McCarthy, Mr. Vincent MacQueeney, and Mr. George C. Stebbins.

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- 1 - Mr. Callahan
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Representative Danielson took detailed notes during the review and subsequently, on June 14, 1973, requested some additional investigation which has today been made the subject of another communication and is presently being considered by the Acting Attorney General.

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Reference is made to my memorandum dated November 8, 1973, advising that information had been received indicating an investigator for the Senate Committee on Rules and Administration, which has been holding hearings concerning Ford, had made inquiries in Las Vegas, Nevada, in an effort to identify an individual who allegedly introduced Ford to "individuals in the milk industry." This person was tentatively identified as [redacted] who has a record of numerous arrests on charges including forgery, gambling, possession of liquor, and bogus checks from 1934 to 1957.

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On November 12, 1973, [redacted] Senate Committee on Rules and Administration, advised that a source, which he did not identify, has alleged that [redacted] stated he passed \$25,000 to Walter S. Baring, former United States Representative from Nevada, allegedly on behalf of Ford. [redacted] stated the committee desired that we interview [redacted] and Baring. He also requested that Peter Behr, author of a newspaper article containing an allegation that Ford was given money in exchange for help in advancing legislation sought by milk producers, and Gary E. Hanman, an official of the Mid-America Dairymen, Inc., who was mentioned in Behr's article, be interviewed. Mr. John Duffner, Executive Assistant to the Deputy Attorney General, advised on November 13, 1973, that the investigation requested by [redacted] should be conducted.

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Encs. *sent 11-5-73*

- 1 - Mr. Callahan
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[redacted] who is [redacted] of American Farm Lines, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, when interviewed, denied having ever transmitted any funds from any source to Ford or through Ford to others. He likewise denied having received funds from or on behalf of Ford or having given others money on behalf of Ford.

Gary E. Hanman advised that in late 1971, and again in January, 1973, as a representative of dairy interests, he contacted Ford for the purpose of obtaining the names of political candidates who needed financial assistance. He said in March, 1973, he advised Ford that checks had been sent to certain candidates, but Ford did not handle these contributions. He stated his dealings with Ford have been open and honest. Hanman mentioned that his organization contributed \$5,000 to Ford's reelection efforts prior to April 7, 1972, before it was required that campaign contributors and recipients make disclosures.

Peter Behr advised he possesses no information in addition to that set forth in his news article mentioning Ford, and he declined to reveal the source of his information.

Former United States Representative Walter S. Baring (Dem.), who was a candidate for reelection in 1972 and was defeated in the primary election, advised he has never raised any funds for or on behalf of Ford. He said his campaign chairman sought Ford's assistance in obtaining funds to pay expenses incurred following his 1972 defeat. Baring advised he received no personal contributions from Ford, but believes two payments of \$2,500 each were received by his campaign committee through Ford's efforts. He said he does not personally know the source of these payments.

Memorandum to Mr. Cleveland  
Re: Gerald Rudolph Ford

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Attached are communications to The White House  
and the Acting Attorney General furnishing them the  
results of the interviews requested by the Senate  
Committee on Rules and Administration.

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Dear General Haig:

At the request of the Senate Committee on Rules and Administration, the following additional individuals have been interviewed for information as to their knowledge concerning any funds furnished by the dairy industry to Representative Ford or to other individuals on behalf of Representative Ford:

There is attached one copy each of four reports containing the results of the requested interviews. Copies of these reports are also being furnished to the Acting Attorney General.

See Cover Memorandum Coleman to  
Cleveland dated 11/15/73. Re:  
Gerald Rudolph Ford, OJA:bvm

RETURN TO MR. AUERSWALD, ROOM 1258.

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1 - Mr. Callahan  
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1 - Mr. Auerswald

The Acting Attorney General

November 15, 1973

Director, FBI

GERALD RUDOLPH FORD  
VICE PRESIDENT DESIGNATE  
SPECIAL INQUIRY

Reference is made to my memorandum dated November 5, 1973, and previous memoranda which furnished you the results of investigation concerning Gerald Rudolph Ford, United States Representative from Michigan.

At the request of the Senate Committee on Rules and Administration, the following additional individuals have been interviewed for information as to their knowledge concerning any funds furnished by the dairy industry to Representative Ford or to other individuals on behalf of Representative Ford:

[redacted] American Farm Lines, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; Gary E. Hanman, Senior Corporate Vice President, Mid-America Dairymen, Incorporated, Springfield, Missouri; Walter S. Baring, former United States Representative from Nevada; and Peter Behr, correspondent for the Gannett News Service, Washington, D. C.

There are attached three copies each of four reports containing the results of the requested interviews, in the event you desire to make this information available to the appropriate Congressional committees. Copies of these reports are also being furnished to The White House.

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TIME 2:45 PM
DATE 11/15/73
BY [signature] See cover memorandum

Coleman to Cleveland dated 11/15/73. Re: Gerald Rudolph Ford; OJA:bvm

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